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CHAPTER XXIX.

THE PRICE OF THE MULE.

"Let me read, too."

The colonel was in the office: Missy saw the gleam of his light through the window as she crossed the yard. Too eager to delay for permission, she pushed open the door and entered with the words "My father;" but she could say no more.

Her father looked up in some alarm, but when he saw behind her a bent old negro leaning on a staff, he half believed that he must be dreaming; it seemed incredible that old Gilbert should be standing on that threshold, with scarce a wrinkle more than when he traded for the mule.

The colonel started to his feet staggering, and put out both hands. "Gilbert?" he said, "Gilbert? Is this you?"

"Tubbie sho, mawster! I'se been gawn a long time, but de Lawd is spared me ter git back."

"My son?" faltered the colonel.

Missy burst into tears. "Make him sit down," she sobbed. "There is so much to tell."

"Sit down," the colonel said, pushing a chair toward him.

"I'se 'bleeged ter you, mawster," old Gilbert stammered; to be seated in the presence of quality shocked his sense of decorum. "De wuz a wagin gin me a lif' as I come along. I 'lighted by de back lot ter git ter my house, en' dere I met Missy."

"Sit down," the colonel commanded, and old Gilbert felt he must obey. But he shunned the chair, and spying a box in the corner he went over and perched upon it with a sigh, while Missy eagerly repeated to her father the account given of Nicholas.

"And he has a letter for you from Brer Nicholas; will you not read it?" she entreated.

The colonel could not speak, but he put out his hand for the letter that old Gilbert was seeking in the crown of his dilapidated hat.

"My 'pendance wuz strong in de Hebenly Mawster ter spare me ter han' you dat, suh," he said. "I'd a fetch hit bufo', but de roomatiz spilt my chances ter walk out my travelin' 'spenses."

The colonel seized the letter, but his hands trembled so that he could hardly adjust his glasses.

"Well! well! mawster is come ter spectikles!" said old Gilbert in admiration. "En' yo' hair is a-sheddin'. 'Minds me of yo' paw. You is middlin' ole, mawster, tubbie sho!"

The remark was intended as a compliment, but the colonel was absorbed in his son's letter and it escaped him.

"Let me read, too," Missy entreated, leaning over his shoulder. "I cannot, cannot wait!"

It was a touching appeal in which the banished son besought his father's protection for his wife and child, and then implored justice for the devoted old slave who had proved so true a friend. He recounted how freely old Gilbert had supplied him with money, the savings of his years of industry, and besought his father to discharge this debt.

"Ah, my brother, come back!" sighed Missy, passionately kissing the letter, "and everything you ask shall be done!"

"Gilbert," said the colonel, with a tremulous smile, "how much money did you lend my son?"

"Dullaw, mawster? Is Mawse Nick wrotened you 'bout dat? En' I tole him not ter fret, seein' dis ole no 'count nigger is mos' ter de eend of his row. I doan 'zactly re-collect. I had it on ter a scrap o' paper Mawse Nick writ me, en' a tally stick besides, which I could onerstan' better, but I los' 'em bof, 'long with my rumberilla, en de fiel' o' battle. Is you been in de wah, mawster?"

"Yes," said the colonel.

"Praise be ter glory!" ejaculated old Gilbert. "Den you kin onerstan' dø wuz pow'ful scatterin' times, en' hit druv de amount plum outen my min'. Some of hit wuz what Missie-virey sent him, en' I had ter purten' lak hit wuz all mine ter git him ter borrer hit. Hit wuz like Mawse Nick wuz my chile. Not but ez I onerstan' hit, mawster, you wuz boun' ter shet yo' eyes beginst him fur c'rection," the old man hastened to amend. "En' I wuz after him cawstant ter gen' you his 'pentance, but my min' misgive me, all along, dat Miss Roxy she wuz wukin' beginst Mawse Nick's 'pentance. You 'members Miss Roxy White, mawster?"

The colonel nodded.

"She wuz a po'ful holp to Mawse Nick, en' a mighty good 'oman; but"—and he paused and looked around as though Miss Roxy might be eavesdropping—"she ain't quality. Miss Roxy is po'ful sot in her own notions, 'en she is plum bound up in dat chile, Mawse Nick's little boy, en' she is dat feard o' losin' holt en him, huhkom she ain't no incouridgemint ter Mawse Nick to turn his desires homewards."

The colonel glanced up quickly with a look of enlightenment; he was beginning to understand his son's obstinate silence.

"But now—now we will bring him back!" Winifred entreated.

"We shall see," the colonel said, and sighed. He could not consent to lay bare his heart, and he changed the subject. "Now that you are your own man, what are you going to do, Gilbert?" he asked, with amused curiosity.

"I been studyin' 'bout that," old Gilbert answered, hesitatingly. "I'so allers 'lowed to be home', en I paid you fur de mule."

"So you did!" exclaimed the colonel, with sudden recollection; and he rose and unlocked the secret drawer of his secretary.

"But den hit 'pears ter me lak I stole yo' nigger," pursued old Gilbert, with a furtive grin. "Ain't I boun' ter wuk out dat time I stole myse'f? Maybe I better git a lo yer's 'vice on hit?"

"No!" said Missy.

The colonel smiled. "Well, do you want to stay on here at Thorne Hill?" he asked, as he took out the little bag that held the price of the mule.

"Hit wuz a good house, en' good lan' I had here," said old Gilbert, with a regretful sigh; "but hit is dat busted down, en' dat growed up. En' ez for dat muel, hit wuz a short lived muel fur de money; hit tuk 'n died in less 'n six months."

"I'll give you a deed to the house and land, making it yours for life," said the colonel.

"Well, tubbie sho, you kin spare dat much," said old Gilbert complacently. "En' ef dat's yo' will en' pleasure, mawster, why—I pass my cawnsent."

How much an acute sense of his own advantage, how much of affectionate fidelity and the power of habit, went to the making of this consent it is impossible to say.

"As to the price of the mule," continued the colonel, "there is the money just as you left it." And he tossed the bag of coin to old Gilbert, who grinned and twisted with mingled embarrassment and satisfaction. "But I would like to know how you contrived to convey it to me, and how you contrived to convey yourself away?"

Old Gilbert hung his head sheepishly, and glanced at Missy, who said, as the quick blood mounted to her forehead:

"It was me managed it!"

Her father looked at her with a smile of sad perplexity.

"Hit wuz jes' dat she wuz so sot on Mawse Nick, tubbe sho!" old Gilbert explained, as he hugged the remnant of his savings. "'Ceptin' I had done los' track of him, I wouldn't never have come back bedout him, 'long o' my promuss ter Missy. But what a po' no 'count nigger can't manage, sh'oly a man o' gumption, lak mawster, kin fo' shortly bring ter pass."

"Oh, my father!" Winifred exclaimed. "You will bring him back? And life will be sweet once more, and we can forget the war."

"We will see," the colonel said, and sighed. He had not the heart to remind her that there was no certainty that Nicholas still lived.

"Well! well!" said old Gilbert, with a subdued chuckle, as he slipped down from his perch on the box. "Ef I ain't been 'stonished outen my manners at gittin' home! How is Missie-virey, tubbe sho?"

"She is well, and she will be so glad to see you," said Missy. "Come to the house and you shall have a Christmas dinner. After all, this is not such a sorrowful Christmas day."

Yet she wiped away the tears as she went.

Old Gilbert's appearance at the "gret house" created a hubbub of excitement that penetrated to the room where John Fletcher sat in moody meditation. Five weeks had he been a guest at Thorne Hill, and his immovable resolve was taken; he would go on the morrow; he would run any risk rather than remain longer under this roof, now that he knew the fate that threatened him.

But on the morrow John Fletcher was again an invalid. He had contracted a chill from exposure to the night air, and for some days following he was seriously ill; but though the colonel's courtesy never flagged, and Miss Elvira was prompt with kind attentions, his impatience to be gone increased with his illness.

Col. Thorne perceived this state of mind with extreme annoyance. He had accepted this northerner as he might have accepted a decree of fate, but he never forgot that Capt. Fletcher was his guest, and he would fain have had him feel at ease.

"It is a dull house, a dull house," he repeated, with a deep sigh, as he sat beside the sick man's bed one morning. He looked strangely worn and haggard. Ill though he was, John Fletcher noted the change wrought in Missy's father since old Gilbert's return. His dignified self possession seemed to have deserted him, and he talked with an absent air, as if thinking aloud. "Young people require gayety," he said. "My daughter must go away for a few days; she dwells too much upon her brother." Then, with an instant and haughty change of manner, as though he repented the momentary weakness, he interrupted himself: "But, sir, I disturb you, and Dr. Lane advises perfect quiet."

The colonel had spent an hour in the sickroom that morning, but of all that he had said John Fletcher understood only this, that Missy was going away; that he should see her no more. His reason, his pride, his sense of "the eternal fitness of things," assured him that this was best; but more than ever did he now desire to leave Thorne Hill.

CHAPTER XXX.

A TIME TO KEEP SILENCE.

Pushed back his chair and rose.

It was the middle of January when John Fletcher came down stairs again, to find the house wearing a strangely silent and deserted aspect.

The colonel, with profuse apologies, had asked his guest's permission the evening before to be absent for several days, on account of the wedding of Miss Henry "and the festivities thereto pertaining," as the colonel choicely phrased it; and John Fletcher, having seen from his window Miss Elvira and the colonel depart immediately after breakfast in the rusty, rattling carriage, did not expect to meet either of them. It was Winifred's absence that he felt, though he had persuaded himself that he was glad he need not see her again. But it was by no means a painful surprise when, sauntering aimlessly into the parlor, he found Winifred there alone.

She was standing near one of the front windows, her face partly turned away, and John Fletcher might easily have retired unseen; but he had no thought of retiring. Miss Winifred Thorne, in a rich blue silk, with a train, and a cloud of filmy lace around her throat and at her wrists, produced upon him an impression so novel and so complex that he lost sight of his resolution to avoid her, and he hesitated but a moment before he crossed the room. It was of herself, never of her dress, he had thought heretofore; but he now recalled that so long as he had been at Thorne Hill he had never seen Miss Winifred Thorne in any other costume than a very plain, dark brown walking dress. It was not an ugly dress, but also it was not a dress that could in any way attract more attention than the wearer; yet John Fletcher was not sure that he did not like it better than the blue silk; at least he felt quite sure that, in a certain sense, she had worn that plain brown dress for him. And he could not flatter himself for a moment that she wore the blue silk in his honor. But for whatever reason she had adorned herself, she looked extremely pretty, and the captain found himself unwilling to slight this opportunity to bid good-by to his host's young daughter.

Winifred was very pale, but when she turned and saw him the color came quickly to her face and deepened as he greeted her.

"I beg pardon," he stammered, "I did not expect this pleasure; I had the impression that you had gone away some days ago."

"No," said Winifred; "I did not wish to go. This is my home, and I have been ill," she added, hastily, in evident embarrassment.

"Ill!" repeated Fletcher.

"Oh, not very ill." Then seeing that he was taking note of her dress, she said, with deepening confusion, "I am dressed to please my father."

Jest and badinage were not possible between these two; but John Fletcher could not resist replying, with intent to be provoking:

"I should never have suspected you of dressing to please me, though perhaps I might not have thought that it was to please your father."

She gave him a look of cold reproof, and sat down in an arm chair beside the marble topped table that stood stiffly in the precise center of the room. "The fire is too warm," she murmured, pressing her hands against her burning cheeks.

The captain, who did not intend to be rebuffed, followed her. "May I sit down, too?" he asked.

Winifred did not immediately reply; she was looking past him toward the window she had left. "We are going to dine at Judge Chadwick's," she announced, as though she had not heard him. "My father and my aunt are gone to see Mrs. Leonard Thorne before we start for town, and I am waiting for them." She removed her hands from her flushed cheeks and looked at Capt. Fletcher, who was still standing on the other side of the table. "Yes, you may sit down," she said, not without constraint.

He thought the permission rather grudgingly given; nevertheless, he sat down, and looked at her in silence for some moments, fearing to offend her by anything that he might say.

"Surely," he exclaimed at last, appealingly, "there are some reasons why we might be friends?"

Winifred did not answer, but she gave him one swift, inexplicable glance, and turned her eyes away; all the color had died out of her face.

"The war is over," he said; and hesitatingly stretched out his hand. Once, once only, she had clasped hands with him, and once she had clung to his arm; if she would but put her hand in his now.

But Winifred, trembling visibly, would not see the proffered hand; she even drew a little away, as if to rest against her chair.

"The war is not over," she answered, in a low, constrained voice. "There are no armies in the field, but"——

She raised her eyes and looked at John Fletcher, who had withdrawn his hand. He expected to hear her utter some prophecy of future uprising; he was not at all prepared for what she had to say.

"Capt. Fletcher!" she exclaimed, tremulously, "since you have been with us, who of all our friends have entered this house? Mrs. Theodore Scott, who is your friend, and Dr. Lane."

The captain's face flushed darkly.

"My father, on Christmas Day, would not go to church," Winifred continued, "because he would not leave his guest, and he could not invite that guest into his pew."

"Could not?" repeated the captain, with a smile that exasperated Winifred.

"How would you feel," she exclaimed with suppressed anger, "were you at home, to have a 'rebel,' as you call us, sit in the same pew with you?"

"I could stand it, if the rebel could," replied Capt. Fletcher, still smiling. "Especially if I might choose my rebel."

"The rebel never could stand it!" cried Winifred, with furious color. "And if it should prove that my brother has died of his wounds," she faltered, as the color ebbed away—"the war will never have been over for me."

She covered her face with her hands, and John Fletcher pushed back his chair, and rose.

"Oh, forgive me!" she cried, with still averted face. "I do not mean to forget—forget"——

"Thanks," he answered, coldly. "It is not worth the effort of your remembrance. I was glad to serve a friend of my friend—Mrs. Lorrimer. You must believe that I most sincerely regret the chance that has compelled me to be so long a trespasser upon Col. Thorne's hospitality. I shall never forget his kindness, his uniform courtesy toward an undesired guest. Neither shall I forget"——

He paused abruptly, and paused so long that Winifred, under the spell of a will stronger than her own, turned toward him to find his eyes fixed upon her with a look unfathomable, of mingled sadness, reproach, appeal, from which she shrank abashed and frightened.

"—his daughter," the captain said, when he had compelled her eyes to meet his own. "His uncompromising daughter!" he repeated, and smiled.

But Winifred had turned away; she did not see the smile, and at the word "uncompromising," she impulsively lifted her head, with a forbidding gesture—or so John Fletcher construed it. For a moment he stood irresolute, a moment during which he underwent a fierce struggle with himself; then he turned away and left her, and went up stairs to his room.

"Not another day! Not another day!" he repeated to himself aloud. He felt weak and ill; his voice was hoarse, and he was trembling so violently that he was forced to throw himself upon the lounge.

But not long did he remain there. He rose and began gathering his belongings together with feverish haste. "I will depart to-morrow!" he declared, fiercely. "It shall not befall me to see her again!"

And as he said this he looked out of the window and saw the carriage waiting, and Winifred Thorne going down the steps of the piazza, attended by a handsome young fellow, who looked at her with admiring eyes. Winifred was radiant with delight. John Fletcher could hardly realize that this was the same girl he had left down stairs not half an hour agone.

"A boy!" he exclaimed, in fierce contempt. "Oh, fool! Oh, fool!"

When he came away from the window he saw Glory-Ann standing in the doorway with a cup of beef tea, a diet he abominated.

"Ah, that's right!" he exclaimed, with bitter gayety, as he quaffed the cup that neither cheered nor inebriated. "Build up my strength within the next twenty-four hours, Mom Bee. I must get away from here to-morrow."

"You look lak hit," said Glory-Ann, secretly pleased to hear him call her "Mom Bee." (But he had done so unwittingly.) "Better not be too brash. You gwan overstrain yo'se'f."

"Who is that young sprig I saw just now dancing attendance upon your young lady?" he asked, with assumed carelessness, as he set down the cup.

"Dat's Mawse Paul Herry," Glory-Ann made answer. "He's got a lleyer's shop in Savannah; but he's come home to see his kin, 'long o' Miss Lottie's weddin'—dat's his sister. His gran'ma is de colonel's cousin, en' him en' Missy ain't met up sence she wuz a chile. Now you jes' mind ez I tell you, en' mek yo'se'f easy. You ain' gwan git away fum here termorrer. You needn't try. De fambly is gwan be gone se-verial days, en' I gwan tek charge o' you. Dem's my orders—from Missy herse'f."

John Fletcher felt the blood rush to his face, though he put no faith in Glory-Ann's garrulity. He found himself her thrall, however, for his strength would scarce admit of any exertion; and indeed, when he grew calmer, he was content to wait, feeling that it would be an ungracious act to steal away in the absence of the family.

CHAPTER XXXI.

WINIFRED AND HER FATHER.

"You shall read for yourself."

Winifred remained in Tallahassee some days after her father and her aunt returned to Thorne Hill, and when she came home again Capt. Fletcher had taken his departure. She said, with more vehemence than seemed necessary, that she was very glad, although she presently asked the colonel, with some anxiety:

"Father, I hope you weren't rude to Capt. Fletcher, that he went so suddenly? He is Aunt Winifred's friend, you know."

"Wherefore should I be rude to my guest?" said the colonel, in a tone of cold surprise. "But I don't deny that his presence was a constraint."

"Yes," says Winifred, wearily. "Now we can turn all our thoughts to Brer Nicholas. You know we must find him."

The colonel frowned. "It is a hopeless undertaking," he said.

"We might advertise?" Winifred suggested, eagerly.

"Advertise?" repeated the colonel, recoiling. "Drag our family history into the public prints? Don't think of such a step for a moment."

"What does it matter, so we find him?" Winifred faltered.

"It is not to be thought of," the colonel reiterated, sternly. "Besides," he added, after a moment's pause and with a stifled sigh, "it would avail nothing. Nicholas knows where to find us. You don't reflect that he has a wife, and his wife has her influence, of course."

Winifred turned very pale. "Do you think that Dosia?"—she stammered; but she was unable to finish the question.

"Nicholas does not wish to be found; of that I have long been convinced," said the colonel, coldly.

Winifred made no reply. A great bitterness filled her heart and abided there. She spoke no more of Nicholas, for she no longer hoped to find him; and in abandoning that hope she seemed to have abandoned all interest in life.

The colonel was distressed beyond measure. He still held to the theory that because she was young she must crave gayety; and, willing to make any sacrifice for her sake, he said to her one day:

"Winifred, would you like to live in town; to give up Thorne Hill and go to Tallahassee?"

"Oh, no! no!" said Winifred, shrinking as from a blow. "I want to live and die at Thorne Hill; it is home."

"But times are so changed, Winifred; and if you no longer find it a happy home"——

She turned quickly and looked at her father, and it was as if the scales had fallen from her eyes. She saw him old and careworn and lonely, and all at once the filial love that had so long been held in abeyance leaped into life.

"My father! My father!" she cried, with outstretched arms. "You must let me love you! Since we cannot reach my brother there is no one else for me to love. Do not be so cold and stern with me. I need a little petting."

But caresses and endearments were not in the colonel's way; how deeply he was moved he found no words to tell; he could only put his arms around his child, and Missy felt some burning tears drop upon her hair.

"It is because I am so little," she whispered, with a pathetic attempt at playfulness. "And I haven't been a very good daughter, my father"——

"My dear child!" the colonel faltered.

"But I shall be a good daughter from this time. Only, let us stay on at this dear old hill. I don't want ever to go anywhere else. This is home, and I am so happy, now that I am no longer shut out from your heart, my father!"

The colonel was hurt. "I have never shut you out, Winifred," he said.

"No; it is that I have so long shut myself out!" Winifred declared, with the generosity of an affectionate nature. "But that is over, and life is lovely still."

Her voice shook a little, and she brushed away the tears that would rise.

The blessedness of love is rather in loving than in being loved; and from this day Winifred was happy beyond words in lavishing upon her father all those fond attentions she had been wont, as a child, to bestow upon her brother. The colonel could not suddenly change his nature; he was shy of giving caresses, of uttering terms of endearment; but he submitted to his daughter's demonstrations, and she was content.

Miss Elvira was greatly puzzled at this new order of things. "I don't know what has come over you of late, Winifred," she complained. "Your father isn't used to all that fussing. Aren't you afraid you will annoy him?" But Winifred only laughed, and Miss Elvira sighed and turned a page of Bishop Ken. She found it hard to understand Missy.

Glory-Ann likewise found it hard to understand Missy. "Well, well," she commented to herself, "I thought, fust, she was a-pinin'; but hit do 'pear now lak she is plum' glad dat Yankee is gone. Hit's a pity he wuz a Yankee, 'cause I reckin he got mo' money den Tallahassee gemmen, dese days; en' Missy better have tuk him."

She ventured, one day, to say as much to Missy, adding: "Hit did 'pear ter me lak he sot a heap o' sto' by you, honey."

"You'll never see him this way again, Mom Bee, I hope," said Missy.

"H'm!" grumbled Mom Bee. "Hit's one o' dem Tallahassee gemmen, den? De is quality, tubbe sho, but whey's de money? Dat what I studies."

Old Gilbert, too, had his views on the subject, though he did not deliver them quite so plainly. The old man was now comfortably settled in his rehabilitated cabin, with his ground well plowed and his hen house stocked, yet he was not altogether content; not that he lacked anything for which he could express a wish—"but hit wusn't lak de ole times," he complained to Missy.

"All de ole niggers is disappearin', en' de new ones is all begigged fur politics. En' Sis Dicey, po' crittur, is dat foolish she can't 'member ne no longer den I kin tell her who I is. One way en' another, de is all changed. 'Ceptin' of Glory-Ann," he presently added, in a tone of mild reprobation. "Glory-Ann is jes' ez satisfied in her own jedgment ez ever she wuz. I tek notice she ain't changed none—in sperrit."

"En' mo'over, I tek notice, Missy, wid sorrer en' wid shame," he pursued earnestly, "what dishyer ole plantation ain't a-gwan on lak hit useter. De orter be a younger man den mawster on dishyer plantation. We needs Mawse Nick, tubbe sho'. Now, doan you go ter sighin' dat a-way, Missy, en' I gwan tell you somethin' prime comfortin'; you put yo' 'pendance in Mawse Gin'ral Fletcher, en' you gwan see?"

"No," said Missy, with a far off look in her eyes. "We've done with him forever."

"You gwan see," old Gilbert repeated.

The days went by; the tender green of the oak tassels and the purple blush of the Judas tree began to hint of spring's return; and Missy renewed one of the joys of her childhood, hunting wild violets in a nook she knew of old. As she was returning from one of these expeditions, in the gloaming, her father met her with the unexpected tidings that he had a letter from Nicholas.

Missy did not exclaim, she did not turn pale, she did not grow faint; but the shock of joy and surprise for a moment deprived her of speech; she could only look at her father beseechingly.

"My dear child," said the colonel, compassionating her, "he is safe and well."

"Oh, God is good!" she broke forth. "My dear, dear brother! Let us go to him, my father! I cannot wait; my heart drags my body!"

"Winifred, sit down," the colonel commanded. "You will make yourself ill."

"No, no," she protested, with tearful laughter. "I am too full of joy to be ill! Oh, tell me all, quickly."

"Not unless you promise to be calm," the colonel insisted.

Winifred sat down. "I have been calm for years," said she; "let me be mad with joy now."

Her father's eyes filled with tears. "You shall read for yourself," he said, as he put the letter into her hands.

There were only three short pages, but these were eloquent with the desire for reconciliation.

"Ah! let us go to him at once!" cried Winifred.

"No, my daughter," the colonel replied, with sad decision; "Nicholas must come to me."

"Yes, he must! he must! But write; write now! Say, 'My dearest son, come home.' He is your 'dearest son,' you know," she urged, detecting a shadow on her father's face, "for you have no other."

"You must leave me to write my letter in my own way," the colonel said inexorably. "Nicholas shall come home; but you must remember that he will not come alone."

"No; you will have two daughters."

The colonel turned away, impatiently. He had never thought of Dosia Furnival as his daughter; he could not bring himself to think of her in that light now; but he could make up his mind to accept her as his son's wife, and it was not Dosia's advent that he dreaded; it was Miss Roxanna White against whom he revolted. For Roxanna the Inevitable, Roxanna the Avenger, had written to the colonel; but, with characteristic reticence, he said nothing of this to Winifred.

It had never been Winifred's habit to confide her joys and sorrows to Miss Elvira. But now a sort of rage for sympathy urged her to call on that gentle, inane lady to rejoice with her. She almost snatched the little worn book of devotions out of her aunt's hands, exclaiming, with laughter and tears——

"Oh, let us give thanks to God with our whole heart; and out of our hearts, not out of a book! For my brother that was lost is found again!"

"Winifred!" said Miss Elvira, with mild rebuke. "It is—unladylike to be so—forcible."

"Brer Nicholas—haven't you heard?"

"Yes; I have heard," Miss Elvira sighed, in answer; "that is why I went to my devotions." Then Winifred saw that she had been weeping.

"Surely—you rejoice?" she asked, trembling; for it frightened her to realize what hatred and anger waited to rage in her heart against whoever should refuse to rejoice at her brother's return.

Miss Elvira turned her eyes away. "The old joy died," she said, sadly, "when Nicholas rode away in the rain that summer night, nearly nine years ago. It can never come again."

"You are cruel, you are wicked to say that!" cried Winifred.

"No, Winifred; I am only experienced. I loved Nicholas dearly, but when I think of his coming now my heart fails me. There will be a difference; it is only kind to warn you."

"What difference?" Winifred demanded, with fire in her eyes.

"Why should we deceive ourselves, child?" said Miss Elvira, querulously. "You know that Nicholas will not return alone."

"Would not Dosia be my sister?" cried Winifred. "Would she not be your niece and my father's daughter? She is beautiful, and she is good; I accept Dosia."

"Oh, Dosia," said Miss Elvira, slightingly. In a certain sense she, too, accepted Dosia; that was inevitable.

"And as to the little boy"—Winifred began, with a tremulous tenderness.

"It is Nicholas' child," Miss Elvira interrupted, placidly; the child likewise she could accept. "But there's that dreadful Miss Roxanna White; we shall never be rid of her."

"She has been a good friend of Brer Nicholas; I love her for that," said Winifred, undaunted. "Let her come, and let her stay, if she likes; Thorne Hill has room."

"My dear, you don't know her! She is—a grenadier in petticoats. Such a letter as she has written your father! She refuses to be parted from Nicholas and his wife and child; if they come, come will she; and we shall live under martial law."

"And we shall be very happy," Winifred insisted, though in her heart of hearts she felt the shadow of her aunt's forebodings.

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EVERY DAY TOPICS CONSIDERED IN A PRACTICAL MANNER.

An Ohio Farmer's Experience with a Cheap Silo as Related by Him in American Agriculturist—Mistakes Made by Overtreading and Tramping.

John Gould, a progressive Ohio farmer, last year fitted up inside of a barn a silo with capacity of 100 tons of corn silage at a cost of only $48. As it kept its contents in the most perfect condition the following statements can hardly fail to be of interest:

The lumber, which cost only $10 per thousand feet, has proved as good as any costing $24 per thousand. The paint, made of two parts gas tar to one part gasoline, has proved superior to any other I have yet tried. The concave clay floor was all that could be wished. By making this floor some fifteen inches lower in the center than at the side walls the great weight of the silage is thrown into this depression, and relieves the walls and sills of a corresponding pressure. The dispensing with all stone foundation and substituting thoroughly gas tar painted sills, let into a trench just large enough to receive them, with a two inch tile in the bottom for drainage, has proved with me a good experiment.

I am convinced that two cheap boards with tarred paper between, the whole well painted with gas tar, is a superior wall to a single thickness of matched lumber. It makes an air proof, strong wall. I have a hundred letters from silo men substantially agreeing upon this point. Cheap, hemlock lumber, gas tar painted, makes a No. 1 silo. I am also convinced that a large share of the loss reported as accruing at sides and corners is due to overtreading and tramping. For two years we have done very little treading, and in its place have kept the silage banked up along the walls at least three feet higher than the center, and tread only just enough to keep the silage settling as fast there as in the center. When the corn is all in leave it highest along the walls, and for four or five days tread along the sides until the silage becomes level. Then the outer layer of silage has taken on its heat and expelled the air.

We will have this to learn—that different varieties of corn result in silage of different grades of excellence, and no skill can make one grade of silage from sweet corn, field corn and southern white corn. The finest silage is made from thin planted, well eared, Virginia white corn. Other things being equal, thinly planted, abundantly earing corn that has been allowed to grow to full maturity, and in cultivation, was not root pruned, makes the best silage, and with the best keeping qualities. While my own idea is to cut corn into the silo in half inch lengths, corn, if not too large, may be siloed whole with good success.

Facts About Varieties of Wheat.

From the report of a test, of varieties of wheat, made last year at the Pennsylvania experiment station, the following is learned:

Dietz' Longberry Red gave the largest yield, and for the last few years has been mainly grown here. The German Emperor, Fultz and Fulcaster are three varieties which have been very successfully grown, but last season there was a considerable falling off in yield. The Mealy variety did well not only in yield but in general characteristics. Currell's Prolific is also a variety of promise. Raub's Black Prolific and McGhee's White have both done well in previous years, but gave low yields last year. The Extra Early Oakley, while an early variety, is not to be recommended on account of inferior character of its grain.

Conclusions—Judging from this and previous seasons' experience, and from general characteristics as well as yield, the following varieties may be ranked in this locality—on a retentive lime magnesia clay soil with a compact subsoil—in the following order: Dietz' Longberry Red, followed by the Fulcaster, Fultz, or German Emperor, these by McGhee's White and Raub's Black Prolific, then Sibley's New Golden, and lastly the Extra Early Oakley variety. Currell's Prolific, Improved Rice and the Mealy were only grown last season. They did well, except in the yield of the Improved Rice.

Cow and Horse Manure.

The estimates of the amount of manure obtained from a cow and a horse, on different authorities, have varied so much that on this occasion we present what Country Gentleman has to say on the subject: An average cow eats about twenty-five pounds daily of dry fodder, and she drinks an equal weight. With some additional food and litter she would afford about sixty pounds of liquid and solid manure daily, which would be 1,800 pounds a month, or about eleven tons a year. A horse which is driven much during the day would produce less, besides which the droppings of a horse are drier than those of a cow.

Bee Buzzings.

A one sized frame in the apiary is likely to give less trouble than two or more sizes.

Keep the safety of the queen in view.

A golden rule in bee keeping is to keep your colonies strong.

Look out for the moth worms.

Until experience has dissipated a fear of bee stings wear a veil and gloves.

Many localities produce honey dark in color the entire season. In this case it is best to work entirely for extracted honey.

At the Ohio State Bee convention several remedies were suggested for bee stings. Dr. Mason said that any essential oils, such as oil of cinnamon, cloves, peppermint, etc., were good. Have them on hand, and if visitors are stung apply at once. In bad cases call a physician. Some recommended cold water as the best remedy, and other remedies were also suggested.

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JOHN STODDARD, a substantial farmer of Keating township, asks the nomination of County Auditor. If nominated he would make an efficient officer.

IN our notice last week of the candidacy of D. C. Wolcott of Bradford for County Commissioner we overlooked the fact that he was a veteran of the civil war. He served three years and four months in the field and to-day is a physical wreck because of such service. The records of the War Department show that the regiment to which he belonged was in 171 engagements. That is good enough record for any man to have.

IN the calamity on Alexandria Bay, in which four of the most highly esteemed residents of Bradford were drowned, is briefly referred to in our Bradford letter. It was a terrible blow to the citizens of that city and heart-rending to immediate friends. The funeral of Miss Henry and Mrs. Hart will be held in Bradford to-day. The remains of Mr. and Mrs. Pemberton were taken to Oil City where the funeral will probably be held to-morrow.

THE House has passed a bill making an appropriation for [illegible] additional clerks to handle the new applications for pensions under the new dependent pension law. The clerks are necessary in order to prevent long delays in adjusting claims, and the bill was passed without a division, although the Democrats took occasion to repeat some of the [illegible] scandals which have been industriously circulated by the [illegible] Democrats concerning Gen. Raum and his management of the office. The argument of the Republicans under the lead of that gallant old warhorse, Representative Cannon of Illinois, came to the defense in admirable style and routed the Democrats in short order. Mr Cannon stated it as his opinion that the Pension office is now better managed than it ever was before.

NOTWITHSTANDING his age and feeble health the death of Gen. John C. Fremont the American Pathfinder caused a shock to his many friends in Washington. He was a member of the celebrated Kit Carson Post G. A. R. of that city which enjoys the proud distinction of having more distinguished names upon its roster than any other single post in the country. By special direction of the President the flags on all the public buildings were half masted in honor of his memory. Already bills have been introduced in both House and Senate to give his widow a pension. His services to his country were many and important and it is as little as Congress can do to provide the money to make his widow independent and comfortable during the rest of her life. She is poor, and this should be considered a debt of honor which the United States government owes the estate of her deceased husband.

THE Iowa *State Register* says: "People who are entitled to pensions find a great difference between the manner of getting them now and during the Cleveland administration. A few days ago the little home of the widow of a Union soldier living at Urbana Depot, Ohio, was about to be sold under an execution. She was entitled to a pension which would have made her quite a sum [illegible] as soon as the [illegible] reached in the regular course, but when the Sheriff was about to take her home away she thought possibly if [illegible] knew of her trouble [illegible] telegraphed the situation to the Pension Department at Washington, and the next day a certificate for over $2,000 the amount due her was mailed to her, and her little home was saved. Mrs. Ann Stokes the pensioner has good reasons to believe that the friends of the Union soldier are now in charge of things at Washington."

BEFORE another issue of the MINER reaches its readers the Republicans of McKean county through their representatives will have selected a ticket for their support at the November election. That it will be satisfactory to the entire party there can be no question, for of all the gentlemen named for the several offices to be filled, there is not one who is not entirely competent to discharge the duties incumbent upon him should he be favored with a nomination. The unanimity with which Messrs. Burdick and Griffith will be re-nominated for the Legislature and Walter Grubb will receive the nomination for sheriff augers well for the success of the ticket in November. A friendly rivalry has been going on for a few weeks for the Prothonotary nomination, but the choice of either of the three gentlemen named will be entirely satisfactory to the party. The canvass for County Commissioner is spirited, but it is difficult to make a mistake in selecting two men from those announced, as they are all good. There is no reason why the work of the convention should not be speedily and satisfactorily transacted.

I. W. DUNN of Smethport has been induced by friends to announce as a candidate for County Auditor. Mr Dunn is an earnest Republican, a thorough accountant and one of the most competent men in the county for the position.

THE great Western Union Telegraph building on lower Broadway, N. Y., was almost totally destroyed by fire on Friday of last week. A large amount of valuable telegraphic machinery was destroyed, the entire losses being estimated at $1,500,000.

AMONG the working Republicans of the younger class in Keating township Charles W. Freeman is always found at the front. He desires the nomination of County Auditor and if party fealty and hard work in the ranks is deserving of reward he will be one of the nominees.

A. S. WASHBURN, of Mt. Alton, this week adds his name to the long roll of those who desire to assist in administering the financial affairs of the county for the next three years. Mr. Washburn is a reputable citizen and the present constable of Lafayette township. He is in every way worthy the nomination and would make an excellent official.

POPULATION OF McKEAN COUNTY.

The MINER is indebted to Captain Brinker, Census Supervisor for this district, for the following official figures showing the population of McKean county as recently enumerated:

DISTRICTS.	1880	1890
Annin township	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bradford city, 1st ward	[illegible]	[illegible]
" " 2nd "	[illegible]	[illegible]
" " 3d "	[illegible]	[illegible]
" " 4th "	[illegible]	[illegible]
" " 5th "	[illegible]	[illegible]
" township	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ceres "	[illegible]	[illegible]
Corydon "	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eldred borough	[illegible]	[illegible]
" township	[illegible]	[illegible]
Foster "	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hamilton "	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hamlin "	[illegible]	[illegible]
Keating "	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kendall borough	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kane "	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lafayette township	[illegible]	[illegible]
Liberty "	[illegible]	[illegible]
Port Allegany borough	[illegible]	[illegible]
Otto township and Duke Centre	[illegible]	[illegible]
Norwich and Sergeant townships	[illegible]	[illegible]
Smethport borough	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wetmore township	[illegible]	[illegible]
	42565	46340

So far as the county is concerned these figures tell a gratifying tale, as few had the temerity to believe that the county would show more than 45,000 population. With the great falling off in the townships of Eldred, Foster, Keating and Otto in which bustling towns and thickly settled neighborhoods have been almost entirely depopulated because of the great decline in the oil business, the county at large shows an increased population of 3,775—a grand total of 46,340.

Annin and Ceres have made gains, not large but healthy.

Bradford city has increased only 1,323 which is not up to the expectations of her citizens. That the population of the city should be from one thousand to two thousand more than it is cannot be questioned. The city limits should be extended to take in at least a thousand of the population of Bradford township. The 2,000 population of Kendall borough would also add greatly to the importance of Bradford, but whether the Kendallites would agree to annexation remains to be seen. Bradford township has increased considerably owing to its proximity to the city.

The townships of Corydon, Hamilton, Hamlin and Wetmore have made wonderful progress while Kane borough with her 2933 population "caps the climax" of rapid growth in the county. Ten years ago there was not sufficient population at that point to be assigned to the column of villages. She was a part of Wetmore township, the total population of which was 1,438. To day she is the second town of the county, and before the end of the decade which closes with 1899 she will probably be a city of eight or ten thousand inhabitants.

The township of Eldred in 1880 had 3,243 population. At that time the borough of Eldred was a part of the township. This year the borough and township combined have only 2,520. A greater falling off is shown in Foster and Otto townships all of which can be attributed to the decline in the oil producing business. Ten years ago these three townships with Keating were the greatest oil producing townships in the world, and their forests were literally alive with men and teams. To-day one man cares for from ten to twenty wells, and the large body of men who drilled those wells have gone to other sections of country to ply their calling. While the western half of Keating township has been losing ground the eastern half has rapidly gained, therefore her loss is slight, only a little over a hundred.

Kendall borough was once the centre of one of the grandest oil producing regions the world has seen. At that time it was one of the liveliest towns in Christendom, but her greatness departed just as fast as oil production declined in volume and to-day she has over 700 less population than she had in 1880.

Lafayette lost in her oil sections but other industries have sprung up in the township so that there has been a fine increase in population since 1880.

In 1880 Liberty township and Port Allegany combined had a population of 2229. This year Liberty has 1550 and Port Allegany 1230, making a total of 2780, which is a fine increase.

Norwich and Sergeant had 1353 population in 1880—Norwich 431 and Sergeant 922. This year the two combined have 2,065. The two townships were taken by one enumerator and the figures have not yet been separated. It is probable that most of the increase has been in Norwich township.

Smethport borough has increased in population within the past ten years a little over 25 per cent. Within a radius of one mile from the Court House is a population of not less than 1500, but the borough lines are too circumscribed to take all that population in.

SECURE YOUR PENSIONS.

Hon. J. B. Agnew, a prominent attorney of Tionesta and a former representative in the Legislature from Forest county, has become a member of a leading law firm in Washington, D. C. and has opened an office in the Lenman building, on New York Avenue, in that city. He will practice before the United States Supreme Court, Court of Claims, District Courts and all the Departments of the Government. In his practice before the Departments, he has associated with him Mr. George W. Taylor, of Washington, who has had an experience of twenty five years, thus being well qualified for the transaction of such business as the collection of soldiers' claims for pension, bounty and pay, as also cases arising under the customs, navigation, internal revenue and inter state commerce laws, which will engage their special attention. The editor of the MINER has had an intimate acquaintance with Mr. Agnew for twenty years past, and he does not hesitate to recommend him to any veteran who is asking a pension from the Government. Mr. Agnew is a veteran and fully appreciates the importance of promptness in looking after claims of pensioners. His advertisement will be found elsewhere in this paper.

SPEAKER REED told a personal friend on Friday last that there was not the slightest doubt of the Senate's passing the Federal Election bill, although it might be slightly modified by amendments. As Mr. Reed's sources of information are the very best, and as he is a man who never goes off "half-cocked," this may be taken as authentic.

W. C. T. U.

ED. MINER.—Having just returned from a trip through the county in response to invitations for a visit to the unions, we thought a report of our tour might be in order for the columns of your paper. We left Bradford, June 2, at 2 p. m. and met the same afternoon, the wide awake union at Rixford. From this little oil town the drink traffic has been driven and our brave women there are nobly "holding the fort" and doing grand work among the children. This little town is teetotally dry. We found it difficult to procure even lemonade. Wednesday found us taking sweet counsel together with the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Pickett at their pleasant parsonage, Duke Centre. This union was recently organized during Mrs. Buell's visit to the county. It is well officered, the most important lines of work have been taken up and are engaged in with enthusiasm by all workers.

Scientific Temperance Instruction, Evangelistic and Press work are in trusty and capable hands and we may expect thorough work in these departments. June 5th found us in Eldred with its many pleasant homes, 4 pretty churches, fine, newly erected school building, its clean temperance hotel and, we regret to add its licensed bars. The Eldred union has done valiant service and much aggressive work in the past and its present [illegible] is worthy of honorable mention, for, still leading in the face of discouragements and ill health, her forces against the foe once driven out but permitted to return by consent of the home-protectors(?). We feel like saying to this union "Fear not little flock for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

Thursday morning we set our faces toward Coryville with some apprehension but we find the field there deserted.

This is a country union, unfortunate in the loss of its president by removal and its efficient corresponding secretary by death. We found at the little church a band of brave women led by the invincible Mrs. Plummer who reported the union alive, with memberships all paid up. Mrs. Cory, a bright little woman was unanimously elected president. Good work is being done by this union for lumbermen and in Sabbath school. With these resolute sisters aided by at least one staunch brother-in-law, Mr. Moody, we predict for this union active service until this cruel war is over.

A call came from Farmers Valley to organize there, and on Saturday afternoon found us at the little station in that delightful valley, where a good brother, pastor of the U. B. church, one, too, who believes in the W. C. T. U. was awaiting us with easy conveyance and we were soon comfortably resting and dining with Mrs. Beren Stull ex-president of Coryville. In the neat little church near by we were cordially greeted by a band of interested and interesting women and a strong union organized with Mrs. Bronson, wife of the U. B. Minister, President, Mrs. Stull, Superintendent of Evangelistic Work, Mrs. Frisby, Superintendent of Sunday school and Juvenile Work. In this lovely valley not cursed by the saloon these lines of work were thought to be the most important. Loving good byes were exchanged with these new found sisters, a pleasant hour and refreshments with the hospitable pastor and his family, and then off for Smethport, the seat of justice. The day god had hidden himself behind the hills. A gentle hush, a peaceful calm seemed everywhere resting in nature and we fell into sudden and grateful contemplation of the beneficent Father whose love for humanity was so apparent. Not long, however, were we permitted thus to muse. We were soon recalled to remembrance that we were two of the white ribbon host under marching orders against the despoiler of homes and the fell destroyer of our fellow men, by the spectacle of men, vile and crazed by drink, in our own car and on its landing, with mouths defiled by tobacco and polluted by language both profane and obscene. Smethport is a pretty town, nature has lavished upon it rare beauty which displayed itself finely in this lovely June month. We are indebted to the pastor of the M. E. church for yielding his Sabbath evening service and permitting us the use of his church for our meeting. The field in Smethport calls loudly for reinforcements in workers, earnest and consecrated. The pressing need should arouse the active sympathy of all who are lovers of perishing souls, and who desire the outlawed saloon, and the prayed for reign of righteousness to come to the help of those who are standing at the front in this contest of right against wrong. Monday being flower mission day we visited, with several of the sisters, the jail and assisted in the sad pleasure of ministering to those shut in by prison bars. While there there was ringing in our ears these words of the loving Saviour "sick and in prison and ye visited me"—"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these ye have done it unto me." Four boys were there, one only sixteen, and drink they said had brought them there. Here is a message from the younger one: "Tell every boy you see never to touch drink. It brought shame and disgrace to my mother and sisters and has wrought my ruin. Tell all the boys never to touch the drink." We carried from that prison a vow in our hearts to work on with fearless courage, seeking to save our boys from the legalized traps everywhere set to ensnare their feet.

Colegrove was our next point. Met the union at 3 p. m. and held an evening meeting which was well attended. In this union we found two white ribbon sisters, who are members of the school board and we left in their hands scientific temperance instruction which is sure to receive due attention. This union comprises ladies of talent and efficiency and they are consecrated to the work. From Colegrove to Birchgrove, where we found the banner union of the county. It is one of the latest organized and took the banner at the last convention for largest per cent of membership. The field covered by this union is seven miles in extent with an Evangelistic Superintendent stationed at each extreme. The place of meeting is in the large pleasant parlors of Mrs. Hiram Palmer their energetic and efficient president. As this is a lumbering region much good work has been done for lumbermen and their families. Mrs. Palmer is ably seconded by her husband in all her efforts. We had an enthusiastic meeting of the union in the afternoon and held an evening meeting with a large, earnest and appreciative audience.

Port Allegany a pretty little town nestling cosily among the hills so charming in their fresh summer attire, has a union composed of noble women with brave hearts. They have repeatedly driven the enemy from their midst and frequently been vanquished, but yet they stand "Ready armed, face to the foe." "No retreat" is their watchword and if we may judge the future by the past they will wage their peaceful warfare until a permanent victory is won. We were fortunate in being present at the re-union of the Y's of our County at Port Allegany June 10-11. How akin to those glorious June days with their rare loveliness of opening bud, singing birds and blooming flowers seemed this gathering of "our girls." It was inspiriting to behold them in the freshness of their young girlhood thus laying themselves upon this alter of service for "God and home and humanity." The address by county superintendent L. Belle McCollister was strong and evinced the spirit of a born leader. The papers by Miss Angie Dunhaven, of Eldred and Miss Wilhelmine Putnam, of Colegrove were ripe with good thoughts. The thrilling address by Miss Ida H. Schoch, department organizer was full of instruction and portions of it tenderly pathetic all given with such loving earnestness that both young and old caught inspiration from it. Surely this dear young sister must have received a baptism of the Spirit, together with that other baptism of fearful experience in the Johnstown flood. The ministers of the churches, Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian were present at each session, and gave hearty support to our girls by earnest words and manifest sympathy. After three profitable sessions, the reunion adjourned and "with a consecrated courage that the foe cannot withstand, our Y's are marching on." With loving farewells to Port Allegany, we joined the departing delegates, "Homeward bound," with a prayer for every home that had been so kindly open to us, and for blessings upon every fellow-traveler whom we had met in our journey.

MRS. D. H. STEWART,
Co. Organizer.
MRS. P. L. WAKELEE,
Vice President.

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LITERARY NOTES.

ONE of the most famous printing houses that ever existed was that founded at Antwerp by Christopher Plantin in 1555, and which continued under the control of his descendants until 1867, a period of three hundred and twelve years. The buildings in which the business of this remarkable establishment was conducted, together with all the artistic collections of the house, its ancient presses, and its old furniture, are now the property of the city of Antwerp, and have been converted into a public museum, which, with its wondrous treasures of literature and art, may well be regarded as one of the most interesting and unique in Europe. In an article entitled "Plantin Moretus," to appear in *Harper's Magazine* for August, Octavia Hensel will describe a recent visit to this remarkable museum. The article will be fully illustrated from photographs by J. Haese, of Antwerp.

THE August number of *The Forum* will contain a remarkable essay, by Prince P. Kropotkin, on "The Possibilities of Agriculture." He has made a thorough investigation of the fabulous results of the scientific cultivation of land in the most densely populated portions of Europe, and he shows the ease with which the number of acres now cultivated in the civilized parts of the world can be made to yield sustenance for many times the number of people now alive. Scientific and intensive agriculture in the United States, for instance, can be made to sustain in plenty, and with much greater cheapness than now, a population at least ten times as dense. The writer shows conclusively why it is that such slow progress is made in these revolutionary improvements in agriculture, but he predicts with confidence that we are on the eve of the region of plenty. He proposes that a hundred acres be cultivated in this way as a part of the exposition at Chicago, in order to demonstrate the possibilities of multiplying many times the products of the American farmer.

AT the time of General Fremont's death he was engaged upon the manuscript of a paper for the *Century's* forthcoming series on the California Gold Hunters. It was to be entitled "Finding Paths to California" and was not only to deal with the several exploring expeditions but to narrate the writer's intimate connection with the events which led to the conquest and occupation of the territory. The work will be promptly continued by Mrs. Fremont. A first draft of the article had been made, and the subject had been so recently and closely discussed by General and Mrs. Fremont that she will have no trouble in completing the manuscript, for which she had already written an introduction as well as a supplement describing her life at Monterey in 1849. A fine portrait of General Fremont from a daguerreotype of '49 or '50 will appear in the September number of the *Century* along with portraits of Commodores Sloat and Stockton, "Duke" Gwin, and Governor Burnett, in an article giving account of "How California Came into the Union."

Administrators Notice.

ESTATE OF JOHN E. McGILL, DECEASED.—Letters of Administration on the estate of John E. McGill, late of Keating township, McKean county Pennsylvania, deceased, have been granted to John T. Kent, residing in said township, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payments, and those having claims or demands, will make known the same, duly authenticated without delay.

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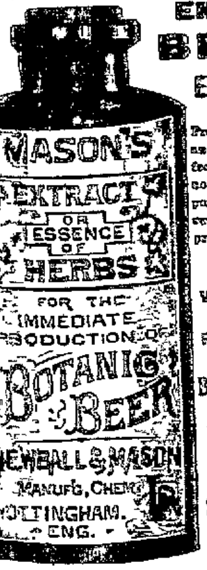

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN application will be made to the Court of Common Pleas of McKean county, or a Law Judge thereof, at Smethport, Pa., on Monday, the 4th day of August next, at two o'clock p. m., under the act of Assembly, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 29, 1874, and the supplements thereto, for a charter of an intended corporation to be known as the Maple Grove Methodist Episcopal Church, when incorporated will exist for the support of public worship, at Maple Grove, Annin township, McKean county, Pa.

J. C. Updegrove, Geo. F. Lewis,
Myron Smith, John H. Burr,
Wm. H. Hawley, and others.
SAMUEL W. SMITH, Solicitor.

July 3, 1890—4t.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN application will be made to Hon. Thomas A. Morrison, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, at the Court House in Smethport, Pa., on Monday the 4th day of August, A. D. 1890 at ten o'clock a. m. under the corporation act of 1874, and the supplements thereto for the charter of an intended corporation to be called "Fairmount Cemetery Association," the character and object of which is to maintain and manage a Cemetery in Keating township, and for those purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges conferred by said acts and its supplements.

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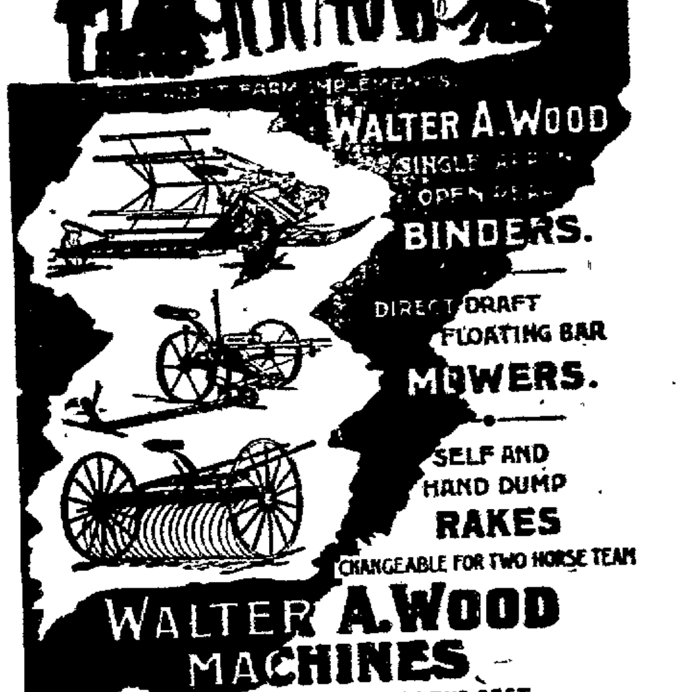

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The largest and best assortment of carpets ever seen in this section of country is now offered for sale at the Furniture and Carpet Store in Smethport. A. Reilly, the manager, has just returned from Philadelphia, the great carpet manufacturing centre of the United States, where he has made this selection. Mr. Reilly's experience in the wool and carpet business for over twenty years gives him an experience that few, if any, in the county possess. The goods were bought direct from the manufacturers and the cash discount saved which enables us, with store rent free, insurance less than one per cent., not only to compete with surrounding cities but to sell our goods from five to ten per cent. less than the same goods are sold in some carpet houses in the cities.

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McKean County Miner

Smethport, Pa., July 25, 1890.

[illegible] AND GENERAL.

[illegible] on the Mountain.

[illegible] the mountain [illegible]
[illegible] his cape coat that had [illegible]
[illegible] sight upon [illegible]
[illegible] to the eagle [illegible] Lord
[illegible] general [illegible]
[illegible] that shouted [illegible] give the [illegible] the Son
[illegible] through the [illegible]
[illegible] the toughest stick that on [illegible]
[illegible] the waters of Salvation [illegible]
[illegible] Killer [illegible]
[illegible] the record of his past [illegible] away
[illegible] laughed at [illegible]
[illegible] but the [illegible]
[illegible] Heaven [illegible] mercy
[illegible] rugged features streamed [illegible]
[illegible] thus [illegible] our happy [illegible]
—Pittsburgh Bulletin.

[illegible] primaries to-morrow [illegible].

[illegible] County Convention next [illegible]day.

[illegible] carpet advertisement in [illegible].

A [illegible] entertainment by home [illegible].

[illegible] of Smethport [illegible] Smethport people [illegible] the excursion to Charlotte [illegible]day.

Mr. F. W. Dunn lost a bunch of keys [illegible] the finder will please leave at this [illegible] the post office.

[illegible] Coney Island. Some Chicago [illegible] probably lost it last winter.

[illegible] would naturally suppose that [illegible] newspaper article on [illegible] "war" would [illegible] remain [illegible].

It is the bounden duty of every Re[illegible] to be present at the caucus of [illegible] party which will be held to-morrow [illegible].

A great deal is being said just now [illegible] the summer girl. Judging by their [illegible] white dress, summer girls and [illegible].

The picnic of the Sun[illegible] M. E. [illegible] Sunday school, at the Big Bridge [illegible] of last week was a very en[illegible] affair.

The official figures of the census [illegible] showing the population of McKean [illegible] will be found on the second page [illegible] Miner this week.

Sunday schools are all right, but a [illegible] persuasion might bring [illegible] moral revolution among the pre[illegible] small boys of the period.

Gum chewing is all right with girls [illegible] sixteen but the line must be [illegible] when a [illegible] of 50 year old mar[illegible] get their jaws in motion.

Rev. S. M. Davis, of Chicago, Ill., [illegible] the pulpit of the M. E. Church [illegible] Sunday evening. The congregation [illegible] unusually large and the sermon [illegible] excellent.

"I am hungry," pleaded the poor [illegible] on the Rialto. "In the words of [illegible]," quoth his brother tragedian, producing a dime with infinite grace, "[illegible] get thee to a beanery."—N. Y. Herald.

A number of Pennsylvania newspaper men were searching the historic grounds of Mt. Vernon a few days ago, [illegible] little hatchet. Some live get[illegible] that George was wont to [illegible] in his younger days were among [illegible] interesting sights.

An important convocation of the [illegible] of St. John and Malta will be [illegible] Tuesday evening next, at which [illegible] will be elected to the [illegible] session of the Chapter General of [illegible] to be held in Wellsville, N. Y., [illegible] 9, 10 and 11.

"[illegible] our timbers and douse our [illegible] lights if we ain't bound for [illegible]." The above words [illegible] very comforting to the land-lub[illegible] during a storm, but with home[illegible] the traveler often hears them [illegible] significance on the [illegible].

[illegible] the Moore, the five year old [illegible] H. Moore while running [illegible] to the family residence on [illegible] afternoon with a hatchet in [illegible] tripped and fell, the hatchet [illegible] with her head inflict[illegible] over the corner of [illegible].

[illegible] ladies and members [illegible] left on Mon[illegible] for their camping grounds [illegible] N. Y., going by way of [illegible] when they were joined by a [illegible] young men. The[illegible] in camp about six weeks, [illegible] which time they will be visited by [illegible]thport friends from time to time.

—The base ball fever which pervades the atmosphere of Smethport, has spread to the ladies, some of whom indulged in a quiet game on Monday evening, on a plot of ground on Water street, free from the gaze of vulgar eyes. The proficiency displayed by these representatives of the gentler sex, with the willow, is said to be somewhat wonderful.

—J. J. Mix, an old pioneer of Driftwood, Cameron county, promised a few days ago to send us a live rattlesnake. When his venomous lordship arrives he will be put on exhibition in the palatial sanctum of the Miner office, and will be protected from lightning by a glass top to his apartments. Ladies may feel perfectly safe in visiting us as long as apples are green.

One of the handsomest show windows we have ever seen is that of Messrs. Stickney, Bell & Co., of this borough. The goods used in the display are the fine lines of groceries, in which the firm are extensive dealers, the whole being artistically arranged, the effect being very pleasing to the eye. The window is attracting considerable attention and is very favorably commented upon.

A. L. Lohagan, a jobber employed by the McKean Bros. on the line of the B. B. & K. R. R., in Hamlin township, was struck by the limb of a falling hemlock on Wednesday morning of this week, and was instantly killed. The deceased was a faithful, hard working man and was highly esteemed by his employers. He leaves a wife and three small children to mourn the loss of a kind and indulgent father.

—"Look here, Mary," didn't that young man kiss you while you two were standing in the hall just before he left?" asked the old lady looking over her spectacles at the blushing vision of sweetness she had been more or less responsible for during the past eighteen years. "I cannot tell a lie, mamma. But it was only once." "Only once! Lord, how different the young men are nowadays to what they were when I was a girl!"—Ex.

General Butler in some advice to ambitious young men says, "Never do a mean thing for money." Let us add to this the suggestion: never do a mean thing for nothing or for anything whatever. Whether the world hears of it or not it will abide with you as long as you have a conscience—and when you cease to have that you have lost the thing that is best in your being. No, young men, do not trifle with your self respect. Vote the Republican ticket and be respectable even if you don't make a cent.—Judge.

—The arrangements for the Maccabees picnic are about completed, and we can assure all who attend a delightful time. The addresses by Hon. F. McSweeny and E. W. Murray will be a feature of the occasion and will be well worth listening to. At 12 o'clock noon a free dinner will be served to all Sir Knights. Dancing will be in order afternoon and evening, and for this purpose a large and commodious platform has been erected in the beautiful grounds of the Bush estate, on Mechanic street. Smethport's Military Band and Prof. Mills Orchestra will furnish the music. Aside from the above other amusements will be provided so that all may enjoy themselves.

The necessity for care in the use of fire arms was again fully demonstrated in Smethport on Saturday last. Dr. Freeman was making a professional call on Willow street and while seated at the window of the DeShetler residence Theodore Norman, who lives on Bank street, emerged from his house rifle in hand and blood in his eye, determined to rid himself of that pest of the garden, the neighbors chickens, and proceeded to fire a charge into the offending flock. Away sped the bullet on its mission completely decapitating one of the chickens in its course and entering the window whistled by in close proximity to the head of the doctor who beat a hasty retreat. It was a close call and only the merest chance that serious consequence did not follow.

Personal.

Miss Sarah McNulty is visiting friends in Franklin.

R. F. Cartwright, of Ridgway, was in town Monday.

S. S. Hollis, of Olean, visited Smethport yesterday.

Rev. and Mrs. S. M. Davis, of Chicago, are visiting friends in town.

Robert Bloodsworth has moved his family into the St. Luke rectory.

Mrs. J. K. Odell left Saturday for a week's visit with friends in Olean.

Misses B[illegible] and Ethel Hartwell, of Olean, are visiting friends in town.

M. I. Colcord, of Port Allegany, was a caller at the Miner office Wednesday.

Messrs. J. B. Carraway, C. E. Sprague and H. L. Knapp visited Olean this week.

[illegible] S. Thomas, of the Coudersport Enterprise, spent Sunday with friends in town.

George Morrison left for Coudersport on Tuesday having accepted a situation on the Enterprise.

H. P. Rawles, Deputy Prothonotary, returned home from his summer's vacation Thursday evening last.

Mrs. S. I. Wells, who has been visiting with friends at Victoria, Ont., returned to Smethport on Friday evening last.

Mrs. J. J. Newman and sons, of Buffalo are guests of Mrs. Newman's brother, F. N. Taylor of the Grand Central.

L. J. Backer, of Boston, is in town looking after his extensive interests in connection with the Smethport Extract Company's works.

W. F. Shero and wife have returned from a sojourn at Cayuga Lake, N. Y. During Mr. Shero's absence the honorary degree of M. A. was conferred upon him by Hobert College.

Mr. Henry B. Lathrop and Miss Hattie A. Greeley, both of Colegrove, were united in marriage, at the home of of the bride's parents on July 20th, M. N. Allen, Esq., officiating.

Excursion to Chautauqua Lake.

A grand low rate excursion to Chautauqua Lake on Sunday, July 27th. This is the finest opportunity to visit this beautiful lake given the people of McKean county this year. It includes R. R. transportation and a ride by steamer the whole length of the lake and return, at the following rates:

From Smethport, Eldred and Windfall at $1.50.

From Prentiss Vale, Ormsby Junction and Simpson $1.40.

From Davis and Duke Centre $1.40.

From Alton, New City and Rexford $1.75.

From Kinzua Junction $1.00.

Trains leave Smethport at 7.45, a. m., Eldred at 7.00 and other points a few moments later.

CHAPTER 1:	Weak, tired no appetite.
Chapter 2:	Took Hood's Sarsaparilla.
Chapter 3:	Strong, cheerful, hungry.

EDITORIAL ASSOCIATION TRIP.

Pennsylvania newspaper men glanced at the nation's political Mecca, explored Mt. Vernon, Fortress Monroe, and Norfolk and took their annual bath at Virginia Beach last week. To the average person the vision of a tour, embracing the above named places and intermediate points would be fraught with nightmares of sweat boxes in ten story hotels, the oppressive urbanity of dusky head-waiters, monotonous railroad journeys and other little inconveniences. But the trip participated in by the editors last week was, to say the least, a most instructive and enjoyable one.

Among the many interesting places to visit in the Paris of America may be mentioned the Corcoran Art Gallery, Smithsonian Institute, the Capital while the legislative bodies are in session, the Treasury, Department of State, the White House, Washington Monument and numerous other points, all of which were invaded by journalistic hosts. The sail down the Chesapeake to Old Point Comfort and Norfolk, the ramble about Fortress Monroe and the very agreeable hours put in at Virginia Beach were pleasant features of the trip. The visit to that beautiful and historic spot Mt. Vernon, can never be forgotten. We will not go into details but will say that to see the well preserved, antique and costly appointments of the old fashioned mansion and her beautiful surroundings would repay a trip around the world.

After shaking the hand of President Harrison, forming many new acquaintances and renewing innumerable old ones, we go back to our duties at home feeling invigorated and well satisfied with the Association's trip of 1890.

Destruction of Pompeii.

A representative of this paper witnessed with about 10,000 people, including a number of friends, the grand spectacular representation of the last days of Pompeii at Island Park, Harrisburg, last Saturday evening. It is a magnificent triumph of skill, which surpasses all previous efforts in wonderful effects and marvelous pyrotechnics, delighting and instructing the beholder. It is the vivid illustration of the tragic destruction of the beautiful Roman city which lay at the foot of Vesuvius in ancient times and was overwhelmed by an eruption of lava eighteen centuries ago. To represent this, a picture which covers ten thousand square yards of canvas is presented. It is four hundred and twenty feet broad, facing the audience, and extends backward two hundred and fifty feet. The picturesque city is spread out before the spectator with a fidelity which almost completely deceives the imagination and restores to one the long-buried streets and villas. Three hundred persons, dressed in correct costumes, are employed to represent the manners, daily life and special observances of those classic people, assisted by a grand ballet. The fascinating account given of a supposed scene on that fatal day by Lord Lytton in his charming "Last Days of Pompeii" is the groundwork upon which the display is fashioned. The characters and incidents in the story are closely adhered to in the realistic production. To see it is worth a trip to Harrisburg.

A Town Hoaxed.

To illustrate the credulity of the average native of a jay hamlet, we will relate an experience met with in Driftwood, Cameron county, Monday evening. The writer fortunately made the acquaintance of Geo. Bechert, a Pittsburgh traveling man who like many of his brothers is not happy unless he is stuffing some unsophisticated hayseed. George had circulated the report that immense electric lights had been raised by means of balloons in New York and Chicago to altitudes of 22,000 feet and that at night they could be seen all over the country. The town was wild with excitement that evening and the reader can imagine the suppressed delight indulged in by George and the scribe when astronomical logic and discussions waxed warm among the natives. While Jupiter, Venus or some other celestial brilliant yet in embryo, shed a faint beam over the eastern horizon, loud cries of "the New York light" were heard on every hand and the entire community, doctors, lawyers, priests and all were lost in ecstasies. At this point Geo. and another fellow went up stairs in Hotel Lafayette and rolled on their respective beds for a brief space. It was a colossal joke.

How Women Try on Shoes.

When a woman has a new pair of shoes sent home she performs altogether different from a man. She never shoves her toes into them and hauls until she is red in the face and all out of breath and then goes stamping and kicking around, but pulls them on part way carefully, twitches them off again to take a last look, and sees if she has got the right one, pulls them on again, looks at them dreamily, says they are just right, then takes another look, stops suddenly to smooth out a wrinkle, twists around, and surveying them sideways, exclaims:

"Mercy, how loose they are," looks at them again square in front, works her foot around so they won't hurt her quite so much, takes them off, looks at the heel, the bottom and the inside, puts them on again, walks up and down the room once or twice, remarks to her better half that she won't have them at any price, tilts down the mirror so she can see how they look from that way, backs off, steps up again, takes thirty or forty farewell looks, says they make her feet awful big and never will do in the world, puts them on and off three or four times more, asks her husband what he thinks about it, and then pays no attention to what he says, goes through it all again, and finally says she will take them. It's very simple.

A Fortunate Woman.

Mrs. Mary L. Baker, of Ovid, Mich., has reason to be very thankful. She was a great sufferer from heart disease for years. Was short of breath, had hungry spells, pain in side, fluttering, faintness, etc. After taking two bottles of Dr. Miles' New Heart Cure, she says, "I am better than for 20 years. My mind and eyesight have improved wonderfully. I advise all persons thus afflicted to use this great remedy." A. B. Armstrong druggist recommends and guarantees it. Dr. Mile's work on Heart Disease, contains marvelous testimonials, free.

Some Startling Facts.

The official returns from Boards of Health show that nearly three fourths of all deaths are from consumption. When we think over this fact, it is really awful, though every case started with a simple cough or cold, realize how important it is to check this terrible malady which can be done by using Pan Tina Cough and Consumption Cure. Price 25 cents. Trial bottles free at Frank R. Foster's drug store.

A Great Battle

Is constantly going on in the human system when you suffer with consumption, coughs or colds they thrive to ruin health and drag victims to the grave, take timely warning and use Puritan Cough and Consumption Cure. Price 25 cents. Trial bottles free.

Dr. Lee's Liver Regulator has sure cure for dyspepsia, biliousness, heartburn, indigestion and all kidney complaints. Trial bottles free at Frank R. Foster's drug store.

AROUND THE COUNTY.

Interesting News From Various Localities As Related by Our Regular Correspondents.

BRADFORD.

Dr. Murdoch has returned from a visit with friends in [illegible], S. C.

Company C have left for their annual encampment, which is located at Mt. Gretna this year.

By recent "shots" in the columns of the Bradford Era, one would infer that they entertained an antipathy against the members of the present police force.

Mrs. J. C. Sachse and son Clate, Frank Taylor, Tom Richmond, Hugh Brawley, William Haskell and Harry Knapp were among the County seat callers last week.

Editor A. J. Hughes, of the Port Allegany Reporter was calling on the newspaper fraternity this week and his appearance indicated that he was enjoying his usual good health.

A female base ball club, from Pittsburgh, crossed bats with the Shamrocks, in this city last Friday and over 1,000 people witnessed the dashing maidens steal bases and swing the willow over the pan.

Wagner & Reiss are renovating their house of amusement from top to bottom and new scenery will be added, which will be highly appreciated by the many who enjoy first-class attractions at that place every season.

The contract was let for the paving of Kennedy street and Mechanic street is well under way now, which will make three principle streets of the city that have been improved this year. Besides these others are passing through the machine in Councils now.

The coroner's jury held a meeting last Friday night in regard to the infant that was found in a tank of water at Hawkins Hollow several weeks ago, and rendered a verdict that the child was placed in the water by an unknown person, with intentions of infanticide.

Brother Jordan, of the Harrisburg Telegram, is making his paper boil over with good news every Sunday, and in the last issue gave a very interesting history of Company C, together with excellent illustrations. All he lacks is a reliable correspondent from the queen city of [illegible].

The county political pot is beginning to boil and by the number of candidates in the field it can be seen that many anxious ladies are doing the stirring. Aspirants for the commissioners' office outnumber far the other participants in the race, while that of Sheriff is assuming a walkaway. All the candidates are good men in every respect and it will be delicate voting for the delegates.

The [illegible] decision of the Board of Directors of the Bradford hospital was given at their last meeting in regard to the management of that institution. They requested the resignation of Mrs. R. S. Ladd, but characteristic of woman she put her foot down and said "No," and what effect it will have will be determined by subsequent proceedings. As the board have given their decision it is believed that they will see it fulfilled.

Mother Grundy had a sweet morsel of gossip to roll under her tongue for the past few days, caused by a warm dispute between Chief-of-Police Frawley and Patrolman Baker. Baker placed a man in the lockup and put his name on the docket as a lodger, while Officer Frawley claimed the individual was intoxicated whereupon he reprimanded Officer Baker who resented the reproach with emphasizing language and subsequently took off his badge and threw it on the sidewalk, together with handing in his resignation which was accepted.

It is beyond all doubt now that Bradford will have a new depot and the taxpayers of the [illegible] will be answered. Men commenced work last Saturday morning for the erection of the new structure. It will be located on the west side of the track and the first story will be of brick with gothic trimmings. The cost is estimated at $15,000 and it will be not only an ornament to the city but will contain all the latest facilities for the convenience of the traveling public. The Wells-Fargo Express company will have a room set apart in the building for their use. It is expected to be completed before the winter months.

An Italian riot occurred at Gilbert run, on the [illegible] R. R. cut-off on Wednesday afternoon of last week by which four Italians and a boy [illegible] were peppered with shot from a gun in the hands of a brother who was defending himself. It happened at the noon hour and was instigated by the gang demanding their pay. As it was [illegible] Lewis Marion was their foreman and tried to explain that the cash had not arrived yet which was true. They would not accept any explanations and endeavored to create a strike while at the same time they assaulted Marion who grabbed a gun and shot four of the [illegible]. Their wounds were not serious.

The new combination of city fathers are doing a great amount of work through the [illegible] in the way of improvements on the streets. [illegible] extension of water mains. Many petitions have been presented remonstrating [illegible] paving of several streets as [illegible] were too high now but they are ignored and the contractors will be asked to break ground. The property owners on Fuller street were determined that the paving of that thoroughfare should be deferred until next year and when refused a hearing before the councils, they argued the case before Judge Morrison who refused the preliminary injunction. The street will be paved.

Early last Friday morning a [illegible] from the West Branch named James Ryan was painting the city a deep crimson and assaulted several men without provocation. Officer [illegible] attempted to arrest him, but was compelled to call for aid. Ryan was crazed with liquor and succeeded in getting into the [illegible] House where he was refused a drink. He hurled several glasses at the bartender and wound up his [illegible] by throwing a large pitcher which struck a [illegible] causing it to fall through a valuable show case. The wild man continued his melee by biting George Fisher an assistant at the Brunswick. Fisher defended himself and it was necessary to turn the hose on Ryan before he would desist, and when he arose to his feet he horrified the spectators by spitting out on the sidewalk a portion of one of Fisher's fingers which he had bitten off in the struggle. At last he was landed in the lockup and at a hearing before Judge Barlow [illegible] committed him to jail for his appearance at court without bail.

A [illegible] of sorrow fell over this city last [illegible] morning when telegrams conveyed the sad news that Mr. and Mrs. Pemberton, Mr. W. H. Hart and Miss Maggie Henry were drowned on Thursday night, in the St. Lawrence river near Alexandria Bay, on board the yacht Catherine which had been run down by the big steamer St. Lawrence. The news was of such a terrible nature that it could not be believed, but telegrams were received all day corroborating the first report. They were members of a pleasure party from this city who were on their way to Thousand Island for a two weeks vacation, and the captain of the yacht made a mistake in obeying signals and steered his craft in front of the great steamer which cut it in two. Mr. and Mrs. George A. Berry, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pemberton, Miss Maggie Henry, Will Lain and Victor Oakes were on board and the four members of the unfortunate party sank with the frail boat before aid could reach them. Those that survived experienced miraculous escapes, especially Mrs. Berry and Mr. Hart. Ever since the disaster there has been one general outpouring of grief by everyone for they were all well known, and very popular with all who knew them. The sorrow at the loss of the loved ones and the sympathy felt for the surviving relatives can not be expressed in cold type. On Saturday all hope was abandoned for the recovery of the bodies which only added more sorrow to the occasion, but Sunday evening the boat was located with grappling hooks and a diver was sent for at once who commenced work on Tuesday morning and succeeded in recovering all the bodies before 5 o'clock that evening. The funeral services over the remains will probably be held in this city.

KENDALL CREEK.

L. Greer has gone on a business trip to Pittsburg.

[illegible] has returned from a trip to Angelica, N. Y.

Mrs. [illegible] has arrived home from a visit to Titusville, Pa.

Miss Nellie Wood of Blossburg, Pa., is visiting her uncle L. Donahue.

Miss Edith Norton entertained a company of young ladies at tea, on Friday evening.

Mrs. Harrison of Duke Centre is in town the guest of her sister Mrs. Martin Wright.

Miss Lizzie Lary who has been recreating at Cambridgeboro, returned home Tuesday.

The M. E. congregation are seriously considering the project of building a new church.

Miss Amy Short of Sugar Grove, Pa., is in town the guest of her cousin Mrs. J. K. Mitchell.

Mrs. H. McCollister, who has been out of town for several days returned home Wednesday.

Robert Greer has returned from Courtland, N. Y., where he has been visiting his wife and child.

Miss Ada Lewis of Kinzua, who has been spending a few days in this place has returned home.

Miss Carrie Artley gave an elegant tea party on Saturday last to a number of her young lady friends.

The Presbyterian Sunday School will picnic at Riverside Tuesday. A large attendance is expected.

The picnic at Bolivar Run given by the M. E. Sunday school, was largely attended and greatly enjoyed.

Little Miss Mary Dougherty of Kittanning, is in town visiting her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Field.

Prof. W. L. MacGowan wife and son who have been the guests of Mrs. J. K. Mitchell left Saturday for Fredonia, N. Y.

Beginning with Sunday evening July 27th Rev. S. D. Day will hold service every Sunday night in the Presbyterian Church.

Chas. De Hart and Mable left Saturday for Cambridgeboro, where they will join Mrs. De Hart and together they will visit Chautauqua Lake.

KASSON.

Sheriff Clarke made official calls in this place Saturday.

Wm. Laurie drove to the county seat last Tuesday evening.

Jack Frost gave us a call the 20th, doing considerable damage.

Lap Burlingame was making calls in town last Saturday evening.

Mrs. Stephen Pattison and daughter drove to Smethport Thursday last.

Miss Lydia Burlingame, of Smethport, is visiting her grandparents, in this place.

Miss Myra Pattison will attend the summer school at Clarion, which opens August 5th.

Charles Kesler and son, of Smethport, were calling on friends in this place last Sunday.

Mrs. Eliza Barnes returned Tuesday from a ten days' visit among friends in Potter county.

Mrs. P. D. Hopkins and Mrs. Billy Digel of Smethport, called on friends in this place on Wednesday.

Orson Gallup, of Potato creek has been staying with his father, Jabez Gallup, of this place for the past week.

Miss Dena Richmond, of Smethport, has been the guest of Mrs. George Anderson, of this place the past week.

Mrs. H. W. Burlingame returned Saturday from a several day's visit with friends in Colegrove and Smethport.

If we don't get rain soon potatoes and oats will be a rather poor crop in this section. Grass is very heavy. Haying just commenced.

A MISTAKEN IDEA.—Some people claim that streaks in butter are caused by part of the cows making whiter butter than the rest of the herd. It is a mistake. It is caused by nothing more or less than carelessness in the working in of the salt. Just think of it, cream in the churn, before it comes to butter, gathers in minute particles not larger than a grain of sand, and is so thoroughly mixed that it is not possible that it should be streaked, if every cow gave different colored butter. No, it is in the working, try it and see. Salt makes butter yellow; taste of the lighter streak and you will find there is no salt, or next to none, in them.

PORT ALLEGANY.

Mrs. Hartshear is reported as being seriously ill.

John Rice passed the Sabbath with his family in this place.

The genial J. H. McElroy, of Smethport was in town Monday last.

Warren Young is the happy dad of a beautiful pair of twin girls.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Goding were in Buffalo two or three days last week.

Clinton Lillibridge is visiting friends in Gowanda and Franklinville, N. Y.

Mrs. Ben Harden, of Annin Creek, was calling on friends in town Monday last.

M. A. Lillibridge is shipping his pressed hay to Austin and Shippen, where it finds a ready market.

The Presbyterian Society and Sunday school will picnic at Riverside Park on Thursday of this week.

Miss Lola Knowlton, who has been quite sick with malarial fever, is so far recovered as to be able to walk out.

The hay crop is simply enormous. The farmers are stacking what they can of it out of doors and putting the balance in their barns.

Henry Metcalf Post, G. A. R., are making preparations to attend the reunion of the McKean County Association at Duke Centre Aug. 21.

Since the storm of Thursday last the weather has been very cool and it is reported that serious damage was done by frost at different points up the river.

Miss Emma Simar, who has spent several weeks at Olean in attendance upon her sister, Mrs. E. P. Shoner, has returned to her home in this borough.

Black raspberries are very plentiful on the hills in this vicinity. It is not no unusual sight to observe anywhere from one to one thousand berry pickers coming into town with well filled pails and baskets.

Prof. Rand, the king of the slack rope and trapeze gave an out door exhibition upon a rope stretched from the Port Allegany house to the McDowell building, on Wednesday evening last. He was accompanied by the ever present medicine man.

Prof. C. C. Ward was seriously injured by a fall on Wednesday last, which has confined him to his home ever since. Considering the fact that the Professor is a "light weight," balancing the scales at 327 pounds, it is strange that the fall done him so little injury.

On Thursday of last week this place was visited with a sort of a cyclone. The new Baptist church on Main street, which had just been enclosed and roof put on, was twisted out of shape, a large maple tree in front of the residence of A. F. Ball was broken off and the mammoth clothing sign of S. Deiches, on Mill street was knocked into a cocked hat. During the progress of the storm hail fell in large quantities, and the residence of C. Y. Sadley was struck by lightning but no serious damage was done as it followed the chimney down to the cellar and expended its force into the ground.

Wednesday afternoon of last week George Backus, an old resident of Liberty township, who was engaged in peeling bark near the head of Skinner creek, was seriously injured by a falling limb which struck him upon the left shoulder forcing a splinter of the shoulder blade through one of his lungs and severely crushing him otherwise. He was brought to his home and Dr. Otto was quickly summoned who did all he could to alleviate his sufferings. Dr. Freeman, of Smethport, was called in consultation who stated that Dr. Otto was doing all that could be done under the circumstances. At this writing Mr. Backus is feeling quite comfortable, although there seems but slight hopes for his recovery.

KANE.

[illegible] warm [illegible].

James McDade and J. F. Kelly are in Buffalo this week.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. John Evans died last week.

Street improvement is continued [illegible] on Fraley street, however.

[illegible] is building a neat and tasty residence on [illegible] street.

[illegible] week this [illegible] Kane [illegible] McKean candidates on Saturday evening.

[illegible] who was badly burned by an explosion of gas is [illegible].

A famous pavilion show and [illegible] exhibited in Kane on Tuesday and was well [illegible].

Any [illegible] and hustling McKean, Warren and Bradford were represented at Kane last Sunday.

Jeremiah Shea, an old and [illegible] respected citizen [illegible] is lying dangerously ill. He is the father of [illegible] of the St. Elmo Hotel.

The P. & E. R. R. company have at last broken ground for an addition to the passenger station at Kane, which is a long needed want.

Wm. Foley is now clerk at the St. Elmo and the rush is nearly equal to the [illegible] since their new departure and 20 cent reduction.

There never has been in the history of Kane such a demand for laboring men as there is at this [illegible] and four or five of our leading [illegible] [illegible] for repairs.

Nelson Perkins was heard to remark that strangers and [illegible] were [illegible] in Kane as there is nothing but teamster men here and a few recruits [illegible]. This is not a pun.

John H. [illegible] has purchased from George [illegible] the vacant lot on West Fraley street and will at once erect a large brick block 40x100 feet. Kane seems destined to outstrip all her sister towns.

D. F. Long, salesman for the New Haven Carriage works have a fine lot of buggies [illegible] at the St. Elmo barn which he is selling so low that no one needs to walk out of Kane [illegible] the average political aspirant.

Fraley street has excellent protection against fire but with the single [illegible] on Chase street the entire portion of the town east of Fraley street would be at the mercy of the flames except a few buildings [illegible].

It is [illegible] that in a very short time the [illegible] in Kane will be [illegible] a thing of the past. [illegible] law breakers [illegible] surrender at once when they see [illegible] on his beat.

J. J. [illegible] superintendent of the [illegible] R. R. between Kane and Ridgway and the [illegible] was run over and is being [illegible] Ridgway last week. Mr. [illegible] made Kane his home where he was [illegible] highly esteemed. His remains were taken to [illegible]burgh for interment.

[illegible] the citizens of the western and [illegible] portions of the borough complain that they are neglected so far as street repairs and fire protection is concerned. They should at once purchase fire plugs and repair their respective streets as the residents of Fraley street have done. At least thirty or forty hydrants are needed in these unprotected and neglected districts.

It is not rumored that either Barnum or Forepaugh will pitch their tents in Kane this fall but it is conceded that David Howells will be nominated for Prothonotary on the first ballot and he should be as he is the hardest working Republican in this section except one, and he is so modest that he does not wish his name mentioned. You all know who it is and it is not the [illegible] of Kane either.

ELDRED.

Harry White returned Monday from his trip to the Thousand Islands.

Supt. Eckles of Smethport was in town for a short time on Wednesday.

Miss Jennie Wolcott and Mar[illegible] [illegible] are visiting friends at Costello, Pa.

Herman Tull of Smethport was greeting his old friends here on Tuesday last.

Quite a number from this place took in the excursion to Ontario Beach on Wednesday.

Misses Nellie and Bertha Wolcott left Monday afternoon for a short visit to Angelica friends.

Harry Johnston returned from Colorado this week and we are glad to say is much improved in health.

Miss Nellie Torrey and the Misses Douglass spent several days last week with friends at Java, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. George have returned home from Edinboro and vicinity where they have been spending some weeks.

Several of the families that moved to Sunden Valley this spring have decided to return to Eldred. Eldred seems to be a pretty good place after all.

The Athletics of Olean, played their second game of ball here on Saturday afternoon last. The game was short but exciting and ended as the previous one did, a defeat for the Olean boys.

Dr. L. Nearing, of Syracuse, N. Y., who has been visiting relatives in this place for a couple of weeks, returned to his home Wednesday. He was accompanied by his niece, Miss Vinnie Squires, of this place.

T. J. George has resigned his position as principal of the public school at this place and has accepted a position at the Edinboro State Normal School as teacher of mathematics. His many friends here will be sorry to see him go.

An amusing game of ball was played here Tuesday afternoon when the business men of the east side competed with those of the west. The players were mostly amateurs and caused much sport. The score showed seventy-nine to forty one in favor of the east side.

They All Failed.

The following letter from Mr. W. A. Thompson, of Columbus, Wis., is peculiarly interesting. "My wife" says he, "has been treated for her head, stomach and nervous prostration by three doctors in New York, two in Chicago, one in Philadelphia, one in Cincinnati, and at the large institute in Buffalo for 16 months. They all failed. But one bottle of Dr. Miles Restorative Nervine helped her wonderfully." This should be used in all headaches, backache, change of life, nervous disturbances, fits, rheumatism etc. Ask at A. B. Armstrong's drug store for a free trial bottle and Dr. Miles new book on the Nerves and Heart.

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EVERYBODY'S COLUMN.

Items of Interest Gathered from Various Sources by the Man With the Shears.

—Go to M. Rosenfield's for clothes.

—Fire-water—That thrown upon burning building.—Yenowene's News.

—Have you seen the carpets at the Furniture and Carpet Store?

—When he tried to become President even Henry Clay found his name was Mud.—Yenowene's News.

—Don't fail to see the carpets at the Furniture and Carpet Store.

—Johnny Cumso—Papa, how big is a shot bird? Cumso—Just the same size as before shooting, Johnny.—Judge.

—The largest and finest stock of carpets ever brought to this section of country is now at the Furniture and Carpet Store.

—An Irish Chicagoan remarks that the reason the evenings are shorter now is because it does not stay light so long after dark, as it did awhile back.—Light.

—The Fall Term of the State Normal School at Clarion will commence on Tuesday, September 2d.

—The attention of temperance reformers is especially called to the fact that the moon gets full twice this month.

—For wall paper go to Reilly's Furniture and Carpet store.

—Carpets in exchange for wool at the Furniture and Carpet Store.

—"I can see now why you advertise rooms for single men," remarked an applicant to the landlady. "Why?" "Because the rooms are too small to hold double ones."—Judge.

—A big line of clothing for men and boys at M. Rosenfield's Main street.

—Cash paid for wool at A. Reilly's furniture and carpet store, Main street.

—"What are you doing now?" asked the cyclone of the earthquake. "I'm in the real estate business," [illegible] replied the earthquake, "[illegible] to ground rents."—Munsey's Weekly.

—Cortland county creamery butter can be found at J. H. Stull's [illegible] market, East Smethport, Pa.

—It is queer that quicksilver should be quoted at only [illegible] in the stock market, when the mercury has been up to 100 lately.

—Families, jobbers and everybody can be supplied with fresh and salt meats promptly upon application at Stull's, East Smethport, Pa.

—The handsomest wall paper ever brought to Smethport can be seen at Specht & Sasse's Furniture rooms.

—It would be easy to kill off the Louisiana Lottery Company if people would refuse to be robbed by it, but that is so simple a remedy that perhaps it won't be acted upon until next year.—Judge.

—Young people can take any of the following courses at the Clarion State Normal School: Teaching in Elementary and Scientific, Business, including Book keeping, Penmanship, Banking, Commercial Law, Short-hand, Type-writing, etc. Music, Organ, Piano, Vocal, Fine Arts and Academic College Preparatory.

Mr. J. P. Hoffman [illegible] fine [illegible] of the Odd Fellows hall and assembly of Brethren with their wives, children, mothers, fathers, sisters, cousins, aunts and friends. Every face is plainly distinguishable in the picture which will always be a pleasant reminder of a happy occasion. In pasteboard, mailed by mail 40 cents, packed flat and highly finished 65 cents.

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Attention

If teachers who expect to attend the summer school at Clarion will notify me by Wednesday, July 30th, I will endeavor to have through connections made at Kane Monday, August 4th, thus saving staying over night in Kane.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF Smethport School District.

For the Year Ending June, 1890.

J. W. BOUTON, Treasurer, and others in account with Smethport Borough School Funds.

Dr.

To bal. due from ex-Treas. King last audit		$ 0 22
To bal. due from ex-Treas. Gifford last audit		0 07
To bal. due from ex-Coll. Quinlisk last audit	$ [illegible]	
Minus cash paid by him to Treas. Bouton	77 [illegible]	[illegible]
To bal. due from ex-Coll. Smith last audit	17 27	
Minus cash paid by him to Treas. Bouton	17 27	17 27
To dup., school year 1890, issued to Col. Holder, School, 17 mills	3049 21	
Bond, 1 and 4 mills	[illegible] 40	
5 per cent added to $354 31 of above	17 71	
	3928 14	
Minus exonerations	$35 81	
" taxes transferred to Keating tp	29 41	
Minus 5 per cent. dis. to taxpayers on $2490 03	124 50	
Minus com. 2 per cent. on $2371 25 of dup	47 42	
Minus 5 per cent. com. on $174.34 of dup	8 71	
Minus 5 per cent. com. on $357 85 of dup., 5 per cent added	20 91	
Minus cash paid Treas. Bouton, bond fund	791 80	791 80
Minus cash paid Treas. Bouton, school fund	2719 11	2719 11
	3819 07	
To bal. due from Col. Holder	109 27	
To unseated taxes from Co. Treas., bond		30 89
To unseated taxes from Co. Treas., school		147 56
To State Appropriation		296 50
cash from D. C. Young for grass		1 50
To cash for sale of stove		5 00
do for tuition		78 00
		4272 04
To bal. brot down		563 16

Cr.

By paid interest on coupons		125 00
By Treas. com. 2 per cent on $125 00		2 50
By paid vouchers, account school fund		3414 91
By Treas. com. 2 per cent. [illegible]		6[illegible] 27
By bal. due from Treas. Bouton	$ 553 40	
By bal. due from ex-Treas. King	22	
By bal. due from ex-Treas. Gifford	07	
By bal. due from Col. Holder	109 27	
		663 16
		$ 4272 04

RESOURCES.

The above balances.	$ 663 16

LIABILITIES.

Bonds 8, 72, 73, 74 and 75 @ $100	$ 500 00
" 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 @ $500	2500 00
Outstanding orders	281 62

And now, June 17, 1890, having examined the accounts and vouchers pertaining to the school funds in the hands of J. W. Bouton, Treasurer and others above named, we find and report balances as above set forth.

W. D. GALLUP, } Auditors.
JOHN FORREST, }

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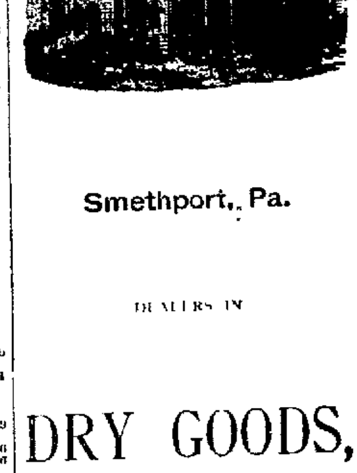

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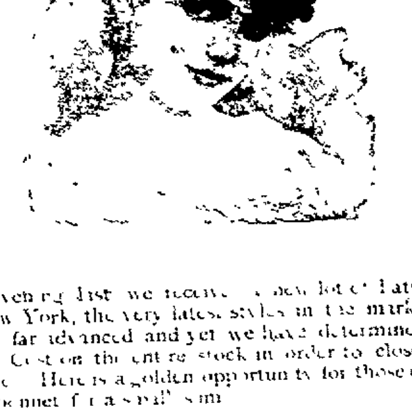

Tuesday evening last we received a new lot of Hats, bonnets &c., direct from New York, the very latest styles in the market. The Season is not very far advanced and yet we have determined to go down to, even below Cost on the entire stock in order to close them out as soon as possible. Here is a golden opportunity for those desiring a nice stylish hat or bonnet for a small sum.

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MRS. T. D. NASH.

Smethport, July 16th 1890.—tf

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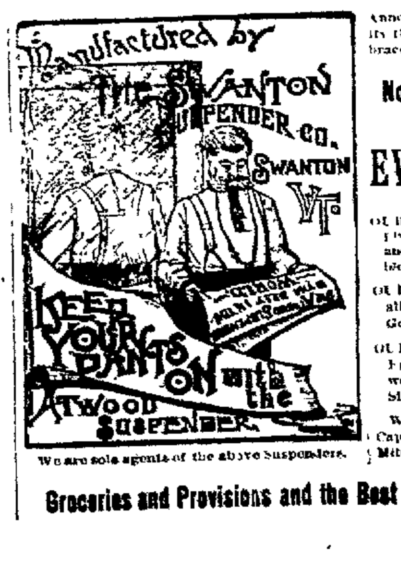
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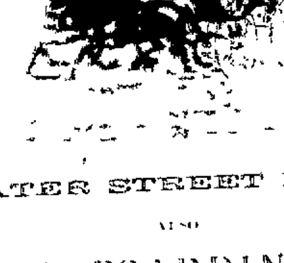

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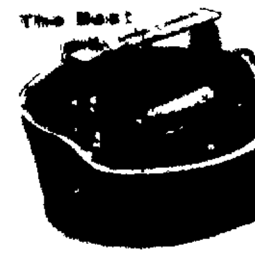

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USEFUL LESSONS FROM EVERY DAY LIFE ON THE FARM

Directions for Shearing Sheep in a First Class Manner—This Is of More Importance Than Most People Realize and Should be Carefully Attended to.

Wool is best off the sheep when the yolk is well up. It is no fancy that well turned out sheep sell better than do those less neatly clipped. It is a fact that may be proven in almost any market where good and bad work are found together. There is much more in first class shearing than many realize. Take, for instance, a few of the leading points. 1st, a neat stroke, every stroke of the same width and all running parallel, finishing up with a definite line along the spine. These must set off the animal as they give it the appearance of better feeding, while the straight line along the spine, cut flat, takes away the appearance of a ridge, and therefore makes it look more pleasing to the eye, which is an optical illusion, causing it to look of better quality and better fed. The next point is that the stroke should be so low as to take off all the wool but not to scratch the sheep, or raze it, as it is called in some districts, a raced sheep is made irritable and a mild inflammation sets up which becomes positively painful in hot weather.

There are several styles of shearing, which are more or less peculiar to different localities and countries. Mark Lane Express prefers the from belly to spine stroke, where the whole stroke is made so as to meet the fall of the wool, for if the fall is met it is easier to get under it and the cut is lower. Another advantage is that the stroke is at right angles to the spine, and this gives the sheep's back a much broader appearance. This is a decided advantage to the almost similar style in which the cut is made upward from the belly in the same manner, except that instead of the blow being made exactly at right angles it slightly curves forward so that the two strokes meet at the top in a point, which has the effect of making the sheep look narrow along the spine.

Government Crop Reports.

While several states increased the area of winter wheat last autumn the heavy reduction by plowing in other crops to replace the winter killed wheat in Illinois, in Indiana and other states has reduced the acreage in every wheat growing state of any prominence except Kansas and Oregon. The general average is 91.4, a reduction of 8.6 per cent. of last year's winter wheat area. An increase in acreage of spring wheat is reported except in Wisconsin and Dakota. Taking winter and spring wheat together the percentage of last year's breadth is 95.4, showing a net loss of nearly 1,700,000 acres. The estimated area of 1890 was 36,126,000 acres. The condition of growing winter wheat is 78.1. The average of the entire spring wheat breadth is 9[illegible] 3.

The returns show a slight decline in the acreage of oats as compared with last year, the percentage being 98.7. The average condition for the whole country is 89.8. For other crops the consolidated returns are: Area of barley 98.[illegible], condition 86.4; area of rye 98.5, condition 92.3; area of cotton [illegible], and the cotton returns show an increase of acreage in nearly every state.

A presentation of [illegible] statistics shows that between 1860 and 1880 the number of sheep in this country were doubled and the wool product quadrupled.

Saving Plums from Curculio.

Jarring the trees is one method of saving plums from the depredations of the curculio. As the insect begins to work while the fruit is still small the jarring must begin then and be continued morning and evening for several days during the early stage of its growth, and at shorter intervals until the fruit is well advanced or the insects have disappeared. Smoking the trees with burning [illegible] carried on a long handled [illegible] has been found useful by some. When jarring is [illegible] the bark of the tree should be protected by a buffer of some kind [illegible] quick blow or a padded mallet may be used. [illegible] the insects [illegible] as they fall and destroy them. Recently spraying with paris green—one pound to 300 gallons of water—has the endorsement of some of the experiment stations where it has been successfully used. One or two sprayings should be used two or three times at intervals of about ten days, also after every heavy rain.

A Beautiful Hedge.

It is sometimes desirable to divide the lawn or to [illegible] a light hedge, [illegible] If [illegible] a substantial fence or hedge is not desired a beautiful hedge [illegible] can readily be made by planting dwarf holly [illegible] at a distance of about a foot or a foot and a half apart. These can be placed according to colors in panels or [illegible] the entire length [illegible] can be of white, pink, red or yellow. A very pretty effect can be secured by planting at the base of them a thick row of dwarf or semi dwarf nasturtiums. These will climb up nearly to the flower heads and will make one of the prettiest hedges that it is possible to obtain for the purpose.—California Fruit Grower.

Rose Bugs and Slugs.

Pyrethrum or buhach diluted with four times its own bulk of flour or finely slacked lime and blown on with a hand bellows will usually rid plants of the bugs at once, but when the insects are abundant repeated dustings may be necessary. The powder may also be used in a solution made with one heaping tablespoonful of the powder to two gallons of water. Apply with a hand force pump and a nozzle producing a fine spray. Reports come from some of the experiment stations that a rather coarse spray of cold water vigorously directed on the foliage every evening will prove effective against not only the slugs but the various species of small leaf hoppers, plant lice, etc.

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Information About Two Commercial Fertilizers Not Generally Understood.

Nitrate of soda contains nitric acid and soda. A good article furnishes 16 per cent. of nitrogen. If there is no deficiency of other elements of plant food it will benefit any crop that manure will benefit. As a rule, its application will not pay on clover or peas. A good practical rule to determine what crop will afford the most profit from the use of nitrate and other manures is to ascertain the usual price of an ordinary crop per acre. For instance, the price of a fair crop of wheat would be $125 per acre, of potatoes, $50 per acre, of onions, $200 per acre. There are many other things to be taken into consideration, but, as a rule, the high priced crops per acre afford the most profit from the use of nitrate and other manures. The price is $50 to $60 per ton according to the amount ordered. Nitrate of soda is the best source per ton [illegible] an agriculturist of nitrogen [illegible] for young sods, for wheat [illegible] 150 to 200 pounds, for [illegible] pounds for early cabbage [illegible] per acre for [illegible] carrots, parsnips [illegible] late [illegible] turnips, corn and mangel wurzel [illegible] grass [illegible]

The same authority explains that superphosphate of lime (or [illegible] phosphates) through [illegible] sulphuric acid [illegible] soluble [illegible] superphosphate [illegible] sulphate of lime. This is [illegible] all the commercial chemical manures that are manufactured and [illegible] numerous trade marks or brands. The manufacturers add to the superphosphate more or less generally dried blood, fish scrap, tankage [illegible] cotton seed meal and potash. This makes a complete manure containing nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash. Superphosphate [illegible] nitrogen or potash. It [illegible] in proportion to the [illegible] available phosphoric acid that it contains. In England [illegible] is used principally for turnips [illegible] and barley [illegible] but [illegible] buckwheat and potatoes.

Pip in Chickens

Pip is the name of a disease indicated by a dry horny substance on the tip or end of the tongue. It is caused by some affection of the air passages [illegible] the mouth [illegible] breathing [illegible] the tongue. It may [illegible] One [illegible] a little [illegible] pepper [illegible] times a day will generally effect a cure. Another remedy is to apply chlorated soda [illegible] which will soften the [illegible] easily. Soft [illegible] A little [illegible] often be [illegible] Pip is [illegible] disease [illegible] treatment being only [illegible] tongue [illegible] the real [illegible] of the tongue will disappear [illegible]

How to Tell Good Cows.

Some of the [illegible] good butter [illegible] large [illegible] well [illegible] large [illegible] posterior [illegible] the head [illegible] A large crook [illegible] well developed [illegible] soft [illegible] temperament [illegible] small [illegible] horns [illegible]—South [illegible] Cultivator

Cuts and Wounds on Horses.

Mark Lane Express says [illegible] mixed [illegible] [illegible] applied [illegible] to drug [illegible] useful

Grease Up the Wheel

[illegible] wheels [illegible] the wheel [illegible]

Things That Are Told

Half an ounce of sulphide of potassium dissolved in a gallon of water has been found to be effective in destroying mildew on roses.

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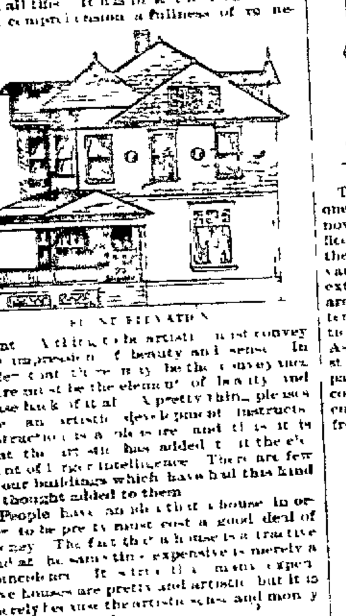
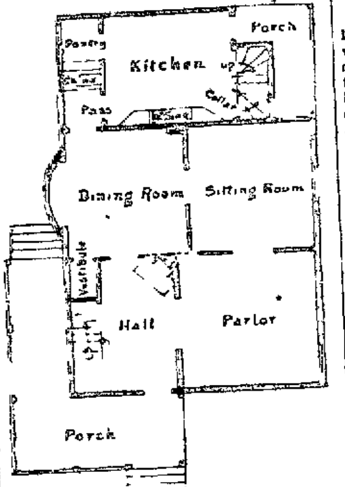
A pretty house has its outgrowth from refinement, fine discrimination from a good conscience, or rather a conscience for good things. An artistic house is beyond all this. It has in it the element of large comprehension, a fullness of [illegible]



FRONT ELEVATION

[illegible] Artistic to be artistic must convey the impression of beauty and sense. In order that there may be the conveyance there must be the element of beauty and sense back of it at all. A pretty thing pleases one, an artistic development instructs one, an instruction is a pleasure and this is it is that the artistic has added to the element of higher intelligence. There are few of our buildings which have had this kind of thought added to them.

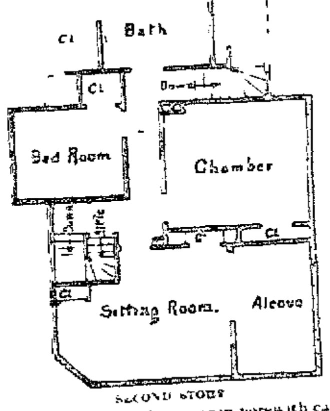
People have an idea that a house in order to be pretty must cost a good deal of money. The fact that a house is attractive and at the same time expensive is merely a coincidence. It is true that many expensive houses are pretty and artistic, but it is merely because the artistic sense and money were used together.



FIRST STORY

If a cheaper house is designed for a simple house the [illegible] as may be [illegible] [illegible] If there is [illegible] of the gutter [illegible] may make a pretty [illegible] artistic [illegible] [illegible] arrangement [illegible] The artistic [illegible] It may take the same outline that will give through refinement in structure and through its refinement in matters of detail be won [illegible] beauty from [illegible] as these.

Say we take a little house which costs $3,000 or $3,400. It has its gable in front and has a porch [illegible] The [illegible] lines [illegible] It [illegible] [illegible]



SECOND STORY

The house which is given herewith can be made a very ugly building merely through the addition of crude details. If the little detail there is to it is carried out in a spirit of refinement, if the color is judiciously selected and if all is harmoniously treated the result will be artistic. It will not be a loud screaming house one that is the blare of the trumpet but it will be a quiet dignified structure, one that is suited to quiet dignified people.

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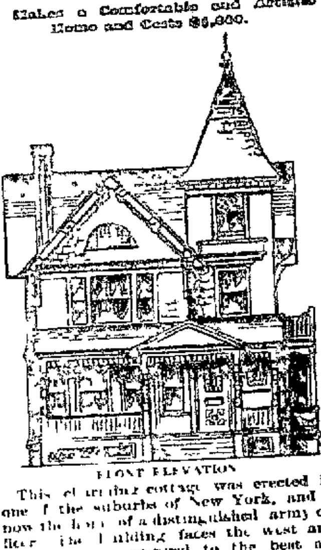
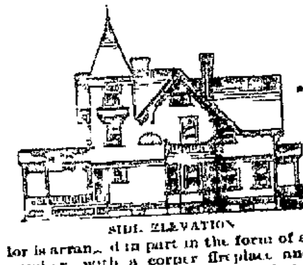


FRONT ELEVATION

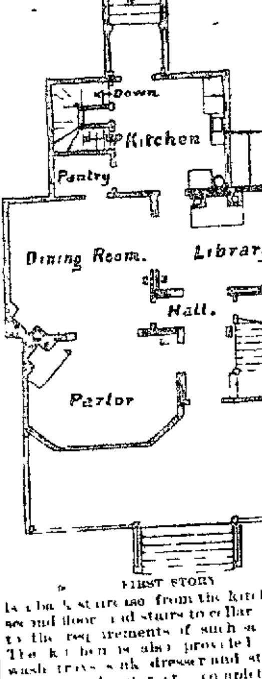
This elaborate cottage was erected in one of the suburbs of New York, and is now the home of a distinguished army officer. The building faces the west and the rooms are arranged to the best advantage for the location. Across the front extends a broad veranda with steps which are protected by a pretty porch. There are [illegible] rooms in the house in addition to the [illegible] pantry and closets. As [illegible] the house you pass into the staircase hall which is separated from the parlor and library by sliding doors, which could be omitted and heavy portieres or curtains used if desired with good effect, from a decorative point of view. The parlor is arranged in part in the form of a bay



SIDE ELEVATION

window with a corner fireplace and an archway hung with portieres to shut it off from the dining room. The dining room has also a corner fireplace and a small door opening direct to the staircase hall, and separated from the library by sliding doors.

The dining room communicates with the kitchen through the pantry by doors which are hung with double spring butts so as to swing both ways and remain shut. There is also a door to the kitchen from the library, but it is provided with a lock, so it can be closed if not desired and hung with a curtain on the library side, or it can be used as a place in which to stand a cabinet or bookcase according to the taste and requirements of the occupants. There

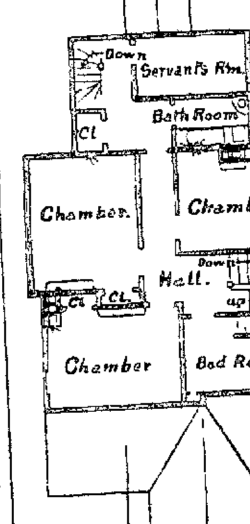


FIRST STORY

is a back staircase from the kitchen to the second floor and stairs to cellar according to the requirements of such a dwelling. The kitchen is also provided with two wash trays, sink, dresser and store closet, [illegible] complete.

There is a [illegible] in the attic story of [illegible] open chamber for storage [illegible] main stairs is of oak of [illegible]

The [illegible] of the house is painted in light [illegible] shades and is picturesque with [illegible] porch and broad veranda gables and tower side bay window and



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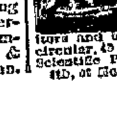

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5 17	11 05	8 20	Rixford	9 05	3 17	6 15
4 50	10 39	7 54	Duke Centre	9 12	3 25	6 20
4 45	10 34	7 49	Eldred	9 33	3 36	6 40
4 25	10 16	7 30				
			B. E. & C. R. R.			
3 45	9 38		Ceres	10 52	5 02	
2 52	9 17		Little Genesee	11 03		
[illegible]	9 05		Lv Bolivar..Ar	11 15	5 25	
2 51	8 58		Allentown	11 43	5 53	
2 15	8 00		lv Wellsville ar	12 20	6 30	
p m	a m	a m		a m	p m	

p m	p m	a m		a m	a m	p m
6 20	3 20	9 05	ar..Bradford..lv	7 50	10 00	5 00
6 4[illegible]	2 45	8 50	Kinzua Junct'n	8 30	10 40	5 4[illegible]
5 5[illegible]	2 36	8 23	Aiken	8 3[illegible]	10 45	5 [illegible]
5 31	2 31	8 10	Davis	8 44	10 54	5 [illegible]
5 22	2 23	8 06	Simpson	8 52	11 02	6 [illegible]
5 11	2 11	7 56	Ormsby	9.04	11 14	6 1[illegible]
4 40	1 50	7 35	Smethport	9 27	11 40	6 42
4 45	1 47	7 28	Mt. Jewett	9 34	11 4[illegible]	6 47
4 00	1 00	6 4[illegible]	Kane	10 10	12 20	7 [illegible]

JNO. C. MCKENNA
Superintendent

COUDERSPORT & PORT ALLEGANY Railroad Time Table takes effect Monday, June 20, 1887

Ar. EASTW'D.			STATIONS.	L'V WESTW'D.		
A.M	P.M	P.M.		A.M.	P.M	P.M
11 07	8 34	1 17	Coudersport	8.00	1.12	5 [illegible]
11.02	8.30	1.13	Hammonds	8.04	1 16	5.44
10.56	8 25	1 08	Fish Basket	8.07	1.20	5.0[illegible]
10.51	8 22	1.05	Olmsted	8 12	1.26	[illegible]
10.46	8.17	1.00	Nelsons	8.17	1.30	5 17
10 38	8 09	12.52	Knowlton	8.24	1 38	[illegible]
10 31	8 03	12,45	Roulette	8.31	1 45	5 34
10 26	7.59	12.40	Pomeroy Bridge	8.36	1.51	5 [illegible]
10.16	7 51	12.31	Burtville	8.45	2.00	5 49
10.06	7 45	12.23	Coleman	8.54	2 10	5 [illegible]
10 00	7 40	12 17	Port Allegany	9.00	2 18	6.15

Trains run on eastern standard time.

B. A. McCLURE, Sup't.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD

PHILADELPHIA & ERIE DIVISION TIME TABLE. In effect May 12, 1890
TRAINS LEAVE EMPORIUM JUNCTION
EASTWARD.

8:25, a. m.—Day Express, daily except Sunday, for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, Lancaster, Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore and Washington, arriving at Philadelphia 6.50 p. m., New York 9.35 p. m., Baltimore 6:45 p. m., Washington 8.15 p. m. Pullman Parlor car through from Williamsport to Philadelphia.

8.55 p. m.—Erie Mail daily for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, Lancaster, Phila., New York, Baltimore and Washington, arriving at Philadelphia 6.50 a. m., New York 9:30 a. m., Baltimore 6:35 a. m., Washington 7:30 a. m. Through Pullman sleeping cars are run on this train from Erie and Williamsport to Philadelphia. Passengers in sleeper for Baltimore and Washington will be transferred into Washington sleeper at Harrisburg, and through passenger cars from Erie to Philadelphia and from Williamsport to Baltimore.

WESTWARD.

10:25 a. m.—Erie Mail daily for Erie and intermediate stations with through Pullman Palace car and through passenger coaches to Erie.

7.13 p. m.—Niagara Express, daily except Sunday for Kane and intermediate stations with through passenger coaches to Kane.

THROUGH TRAINS for EMPORIUM JUNCTION FROM THE EAST AND SOUTH.

Niagara Express leaves New York 6.30 a. m., Baltimore 9.00 a. m., Philadelphia 8.50 a. m., daily except Sunday, arriving at Emporium Junction 7.13 p. m. with through Pullman Parlor car from Philadelphia to Williamsport.

Erie Mail leaves New York 8.00 p. m., Philadelphia 11.25 p. m., Washington 10.00 p. m., Baltimore 11.20 p. m., daily arriving at Emporium Junc., 10:25 a.m., with through Pullman Palace sleeping cars from Philadelphia and Baltimore to Erie and from Washington and Baltimore to Williamsport and through passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Erie.

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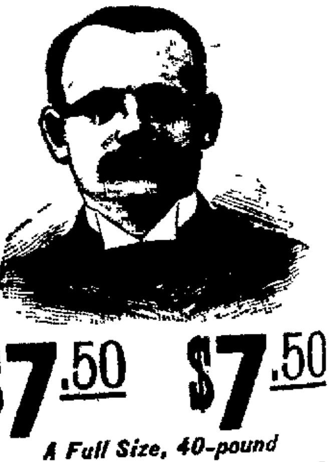

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